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Ship Refloats Herself

A distress signal was received from the Philippine motorship Northwest last night, but was subsequently cancelled as the vessel reported no help was needed. The small ship sent a message at 1 a.m. this morning that she had hit a rock off the China coast and needed "immediate help." The position was off Wenchow, in roughly the same vicinity as a collision several weeks ago between the Chinese ships Kien Yuen and Taping, both of which sank with a large loss of life. Fifteen minutes after the first message, the North West said she was now refloated and "All OK. No help needed." The American President Lines' General Melas, which was going to her assistance, resumed her normal course. The North West is engaged in the Hongkong-Korea trade. —United Press.

H.K. Dealings In Black Market Wool Denied

Sydney Paper's Story
Sydney, Feb. 21.—Mr. R. Hazzard, the Australian Trade Commissioner in Hongkong until November last year, tonight denied allegations that Australian black market wool had been supplied to Japan through Hongkong.

Only 200 bales of Australian wool had been reshipped to Japan under special licence, he said. "There have been many other attempts to re-export wool but none has succeeded," he declared. No wool could be exported from Hongkong without the approval of the Australian and Hongkong Governments, he added. The Hongkong correspondent of the Sydney Morning Herald had today quoted an importer for the statement: "Australia's greatest success in post-war trade with the East has been in supplying black market wool to Japan through Hongkong. When Australia would not officially sell wool to Japan, thousands of bales were shipped here and re-shipped to Japan. The Sydney Morning Herald also quoted a Sydney wool buyer as saying that Hongkong was not the only clearing house for black market wool. Some was sent to China by way of New York, he said.—Reuter

EDITORIAL

Time For A New Airport

PROBABLY because of the chaotic political situation in China and its possible repercussions on Hongkong, slight has been lost of an important local problem—a new airport. From time to time during the past three years this has been the subject of questions in the House of Commons and each time there has been the customary uninformative and unsatisfactory answers. They have left the Colony still wondering whether or not Hongkong is to possess an airport worthy, not only of its commercial value, but of its prestige as the foremost link between the eastern and the western hemispheres. Hongkong remembers the fiasco of Ping-shan—a financial waste and the manner in which it was allowed to be made into an unnecessary political issue; of how a site, approved in the first place by experts, was later condemned by other experts who came out to Hongkong completely armed with Chicago Convention statistics and then converted an already expensive undertaking into a dead loss. Since that time, the future of the airport has been largely shrouded in mystery. There have been a number of development schemes proposed, and turned down—the linking of Stonecutters Island with Lantau; extension of the present Kai Tak site by extensive reclamation work in the Kowloon Bay. Finally a site was chosen in the New Territories, and tacit official approval given to the project. But that was more than a year ago, and today the new modern Hongkong airport appears to be just as far away as it ever was. There have been no questions asked about it in Legislative Council; no queries put to the Minister of Civil Aviation in the House of Commons for many months. Does it mean that Hongkong is to give up the idea of an airport that will make this Colony the centre of civil aviation in the Far East? Singapore has

N. Atlantic Union Pact Prospects Much Brighter

SIR OLIVER FRANKS TO RESUME TALKS

U.S. To Give Assurances

London, Feb. 21.—Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador to Washington, is expected to meet the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, either tomorrow or Thursday to continue the North Atlantic Pact talks, it was authoritatively learned here today.

The prospects for the early conclusion of the Atlantic Union Pact brightened considerably after the weekend talks in Washington between Mr. Acheson and the Canadian and Western Union Ambassadors, London diplomatic observers considered.

The Canadian envoy, Mr. Humphrey Hume Wrong, will also see Mr. Acheson again with Sir Oliver. Last Saturday's meeting was reported as having brought appreciably nearer solution the search for a mutually acceptable formula for the crucial article (5) of the draft text dealing with obligations in the case of an attack on any member State.

Before this meeting, Sir Oliver was believed to have received clear instructions regarding the British attitude to this clause and to the non-committal formula proposed by Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Chinese Peace Mission Said Making Progress

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

Peiping, Feb. 22.—Progress of the Shanghai private peace mission was believed today to be nearing the stage where definite developments toward bringing the Nationalists and Communists together can be expected.

The most significant among new developments is the presence of General Lin Piao, overall Red North China commander, and Central Committee member Tung Pi-wu in Peiping, talking with the mission members.

Lin Piao's political commissar, Lo Jung-huan, and the Military Affairs Commissioner, General Yeh Yien-ching, also attended.

It was a fair inference that the presence of Tung Pi-wu—who was deputy Red negotiator at the time of the Marshall Mission—is connected with developments toward peace.

Chinese press reports continue to tell of definite progress made toward contact between Mao Tze-tung and Shao Li-tze who, in addition to being a member of the Shanghai mission is also the chief delegate of the commission named by Li Tsung-jen to negotiate peace. A report persists that Shao Li-tze is contacting Mao Tze-tung at Shih-chih-chuang.

A round table conference was also reportedly planned in which the Red leaders would meet with the Shanghai leaders as well as Marshal Li Chi-sen, anti-Chiang Kai-shek leader from Hongkong. But there has been no official word on the plan.—United Press.

WON'T ATTACK YANGTSE

Nanking, Feb. 21.—A Chinese press dispatch from Chenkian, provincial capital of Kiangsu, today reported that the Chinese Red commander, Chen Yi, assured the government peace promoter, Li Min-yang, that the Chinese Reds would not launch an offensive across the Yangtze while peace talks are going on. The Control Yuan member, Li Min-yang, recently conferred with the Chinese Reds on peace. He revealed that Chen Yi "will attack the Yangtze river line only should the forthcoming peace parleys collapse."

Chen Yi reportedly said that only one Communist platoon was left around Shanghai and Shaoop, Grand Canal towns within 10 miles of the North Bank.—United Press.

LI'S CONFERENCES

Nanking, Feb. 22.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen will hold important conferences with military leaders here within a week. The conferences will discuss "the overall situation" according to reliable authority. It was learned acting President Li invited former Premier Chang Chun from Chung King, General Chiang Chieh-chung, Northwest Pacification Commissioner and Governor Cheng Chien, Governor of Hunan.—Associated Press.

Britain, like her Western Union partners, has been discussing a draft Atlantic Pact in Washington for months on the assumption that the United States and Canada shared the view that what is needed is an unequivocal joint statement of determination to resist any attempt at aggression simultaneously and together. The Connally formula was regarded in London as an unnecessary watering down of this idea. It was perfectly understood that the limitations imposed by the United States Constitution must be respected, but it was thought that this would be compatible with something more definite than Senator Connally's proposal.

CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, it is thought, left Sir Oliver Franks in no doubt of this in his latest instructions.

Public and Parliamentary opinion in Britain, France and the Benelux countries, which attaches capital importance to the wording of Clause 5, cannot be disregarded any more than Congressional opinion in the United States. It is felt. A second forward step last weekend was the recognition of the Norwegian Socialist Party. This paves the way for the seven powers to issue invitations as soon as they have reached an agreement on a complete draft text of the proposed Atlantic Pact.

It is expected that a seven-power Committee of Ambassadors will lose no time in pressing ahead with this task. They will probably hold a series of more or less formal sessions this week to try to finalise their draft.—Reuter.

PROMISE TO BE MADE

Washington, Feb. 21.—A highly placed source said on Monday the United States would give assurances in the proposed North Atlantic Pact that she would not stand idly by if any of the signers is attacked.

The exact language of the promise remains to be worked out in final form, but the assurance apparently was enough for Norway. At Oslo, Foreign Minister Halvard M. Lange announced Norway would pin her security to the pact. This decision is in the face of Russian demands that Norway stay out of the proposed security alliance.

The informant, who spoke of the assurances to be given in the proposed treaty, is an administration official.—(Continued on Page 5)

STOP PRESS

LI LEAVES CANTON

Canton, Feb. 22.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen left at noon today by plane for Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi Province, in continuation of his "inspection" tour.

At the airport, he smilingly declined to answer questions on the outcome of his conferences with Premier Sun Fo and members of the Canton-based Cabinet.—Reuter-AAP.

Film Stars In Gaol



Above, actress Lila Leeds, her glamorous figure concealed by a sack-like faded blue denim dress and baggy sweater, makes up her cot in the Los Angeles gaol as she began her 60-day sentence for conspiracy to possess marijuana. Below, Robert Mitchell, convicted on the same charge, begins his sentence on the business end of a mop.—AP Pictures.



Phibun Ready To Quit

Bangkok, Feb. 21.—Phibun Songgram seems ready to quit the Premiership, according to the daily newspaper Democrat, which quoted high naval sources as saying Phibun had contacted high naval officials with the express view of resigning after promulgation of the new constitution, which is expected soon.

The paper quoted high naval sources that members of the November 1947 coup already had approached Rear-Admiral Luang Hinthu Songtremachai to sound him out as a possible successor to Phibun. The Premier's promise of a declaration of a state of emergency has not yet been carried out. It is generally speculated that this state would not be declared. The measure had been determined by the Regency Council, according to the daily paper Kakorn Sarn.—United Press.

NO ARMISTICE SIGNED YET

Israeli-Egyptian Statement Awaited

London, Feb. 21.—Usually well-informed sources in Cairo said the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement would be signed at Rhodes today. The text would be held for simultaneous release in Cairo and Tel-Aviv, they added.

The fact that the Israeli Government archives were sent by Rhodes early today was considered as an indication that the agreement would be signed today.

A United Nations source in Cairo said that the agreement would be signed by the Acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, and Major-General William Riley, UN Chief of Staff in Palestine.

An official Israeli spokesman in Tel-Aviv tonight, however, denied reports that an agreement had been signed. He said that the Israeli delegates were expected to return from Rhodes after the conclusion of the talks "towards the end of this week."

DELEGATION AWAITED

No date or meeting place had been arranged for further talks with other Arab States and there were no grounds for the rumours that either Transjordan or the Lebanon were "next on the list," the spokesman said.

In Rhodes, Dr. Bunche said that a Transjordanian delegation is expected to arrive there on February 24 to open armistice talks with the Jews.

He said the talks were due to begin the next day, adding that a message from Amman did not inform him of the composition of the delegation.

An Israeli delegation source said later that the Jews wanted a few days after the end of the Israeli-Egyptian talks to prepare the next set of negotiations, indicating that talks with Transjordan might not get under way on the date named by Dr. Bunche.—Reuter.

PRISONERS FREED

Jerusalem, Feb. 21.—The Israeli and Transjordanian commanders of Jerusalem talked about their countries' forthcoming armistice negotiations in the middle of the Holy City's No Man's Land today while more than 100 Jewish prisoners of war passed on their way to freedom.

Colonel Moshe Dayan, Israeli commander, was reported to have told Abdullah el Tell, Arab commander, that Israel would object to any British members being included in the Transjordanian delegation. It had been rumored that Chubb Pasha, the Legion's British officer, would be one of the delegates.

El Tell in turn reportedly asked that the last part of the talks be held in Jerusalem so King Abdullah could attend them. The talks are to be held on the island of Rhodes. —United Press.

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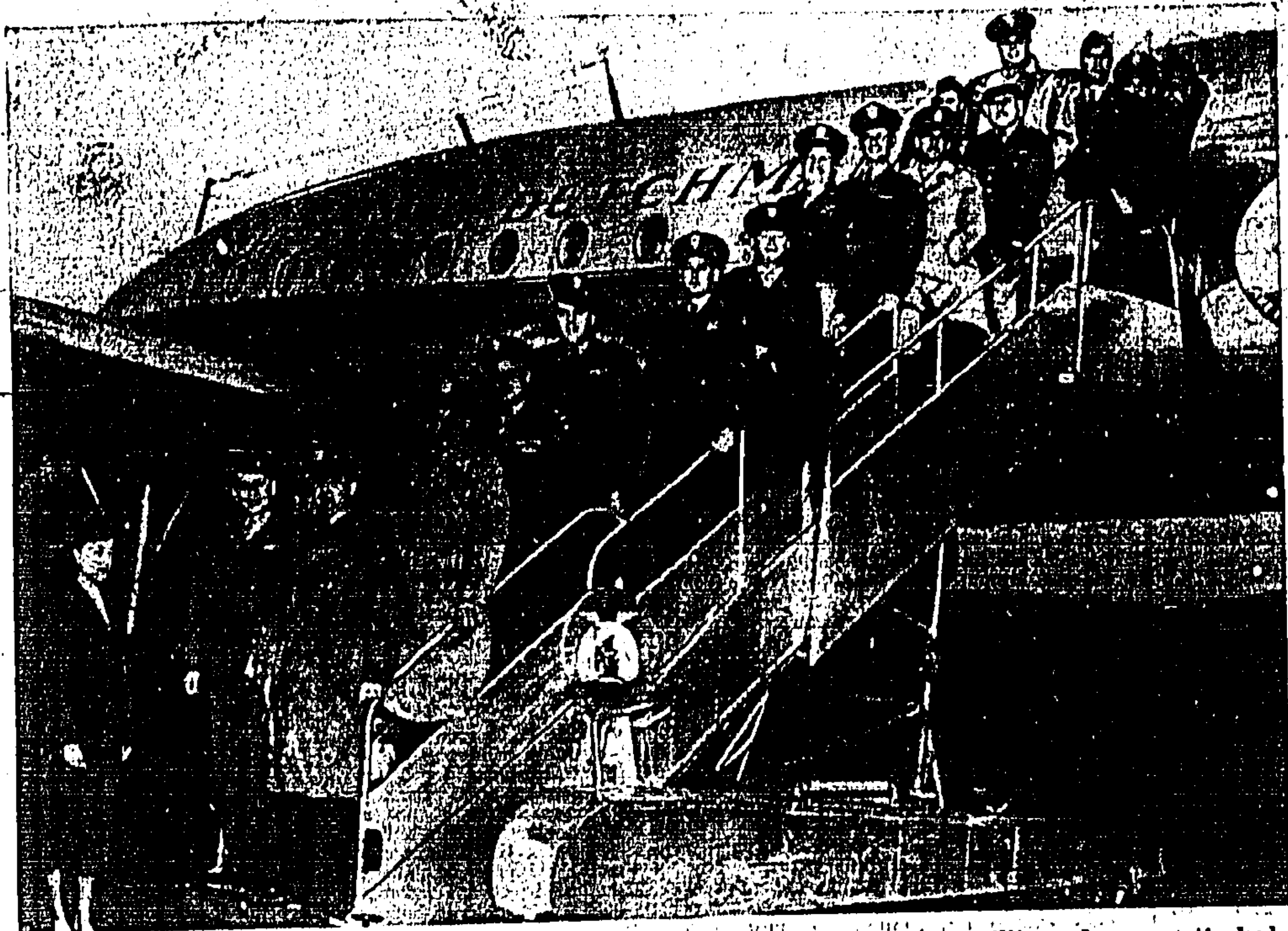
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TO THE MIDDLE EAST—Boarding a plane at Idlewild Airport, New York, 22 military observers attached to the UN Committee of Mediation for Palestine leave for Damascus, Syria. They will be assigned to check UN truce conditions between Israel and the Arab States.



BEACH BRIEFS—The French motif makes its debut at Miami Beach, Florida, in this two-piece pastel cotton falls worn here by Trudy Knesh. Doesn't look like they were meant to swim in though.



LAST MINUTE CHARITY—With the Reds at Shanghai's door, the Shanghai Advisory Committee for Child Welfare collects two truck loads of clothing and quilts for refugees in Chapel. Six hundred huts were burned and 3,000 rendered homeless by a recent fire in the town.



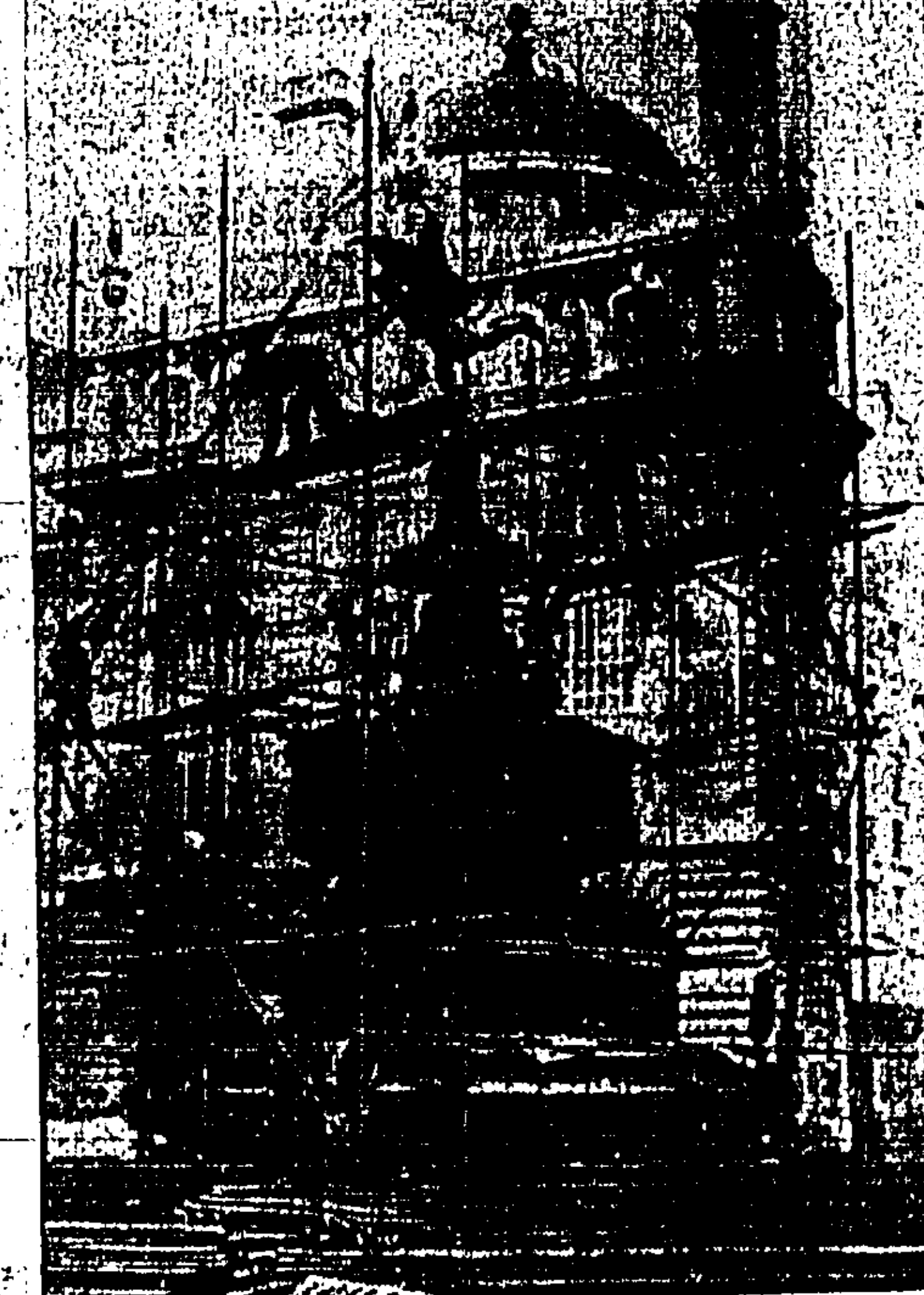
CHECKS EARTH TREMORS—An assistant in geology at the University of California adjusts a Benioff vertical seismometer. The apparatus sends earthquake impulses to a recorder from which scientists determine the intensity of any tremors.



CITRUS CELEBRATION—These girls took the recent announcement of Citrus Week in Cypress Gardens, Florida, quite seriously. They constructed a map of Florida out of fruit, then stationed themselves at spots representing leading towns.



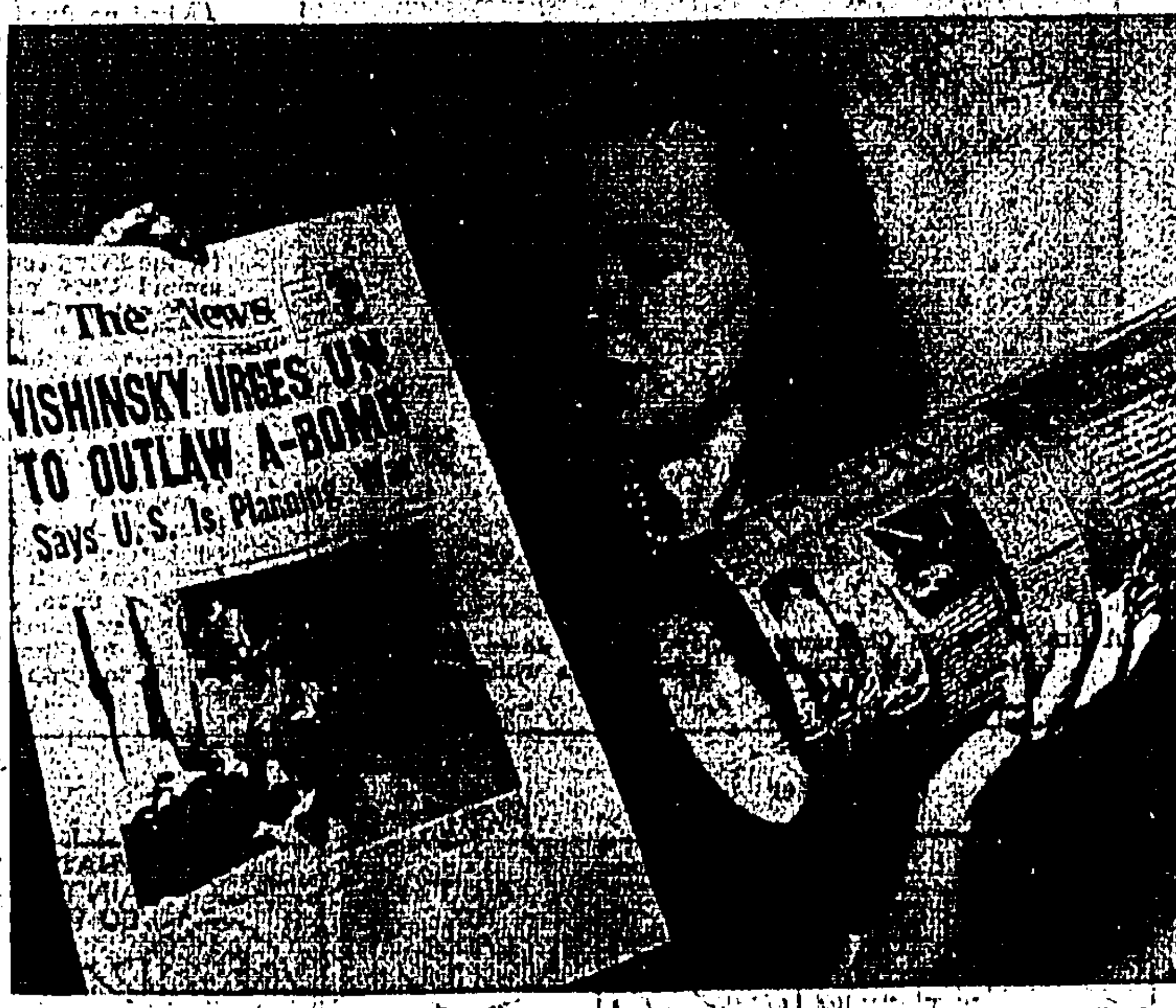
VINEYARD BEAUTY—Italian film star Maria Dennis plucks a few grapes in a castle garden of a 13th century Tuscan village on location in Trequanda, Italy. She is playing in a British-produced picture which is one of many being filmed in Italy just now.



SEQUEL—Workmen build scaffolding around the statue of the Greek God of Love, Eros, in Piccadilly Circus, London, which was damaged recently when a spirited citizen climbed to the top.



OUT FOR A WALK—Shunning the mist-covered lake, these ducks decided to walk during their morning constitutional in Atlanta, Georgia. In common with other United States cities, Atlanta has been plagued with freak weather recently.



MAGNESIUM PLATE—A new magnesium newspaper plate is held by Marion Dressner of Woodhaven, New York, as she examines printing work turned out by students at the New York School of Printing. The plate weighs only 1.6 lbs, against the conventional plates weighing 46 lbs each.

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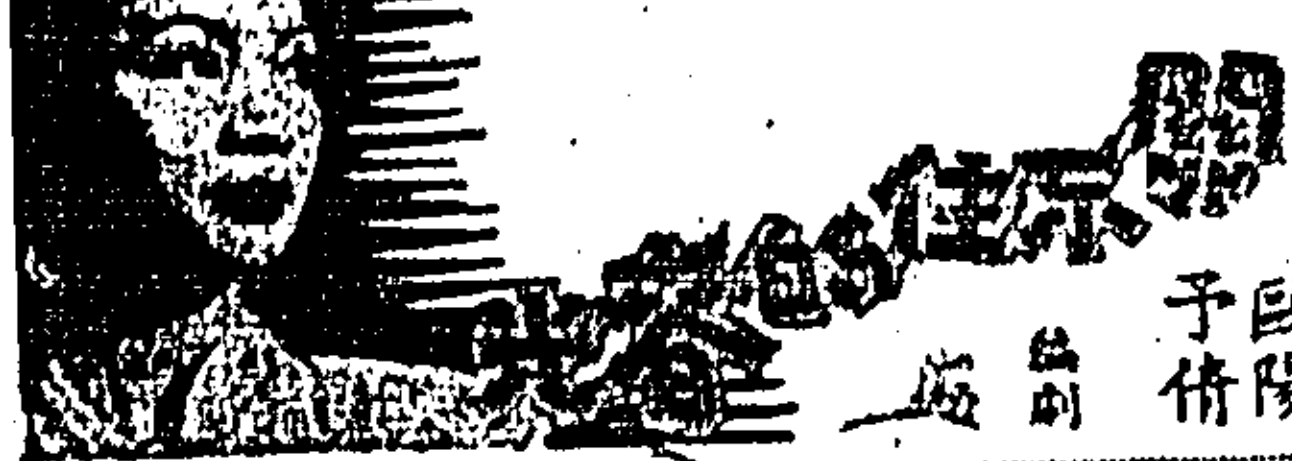
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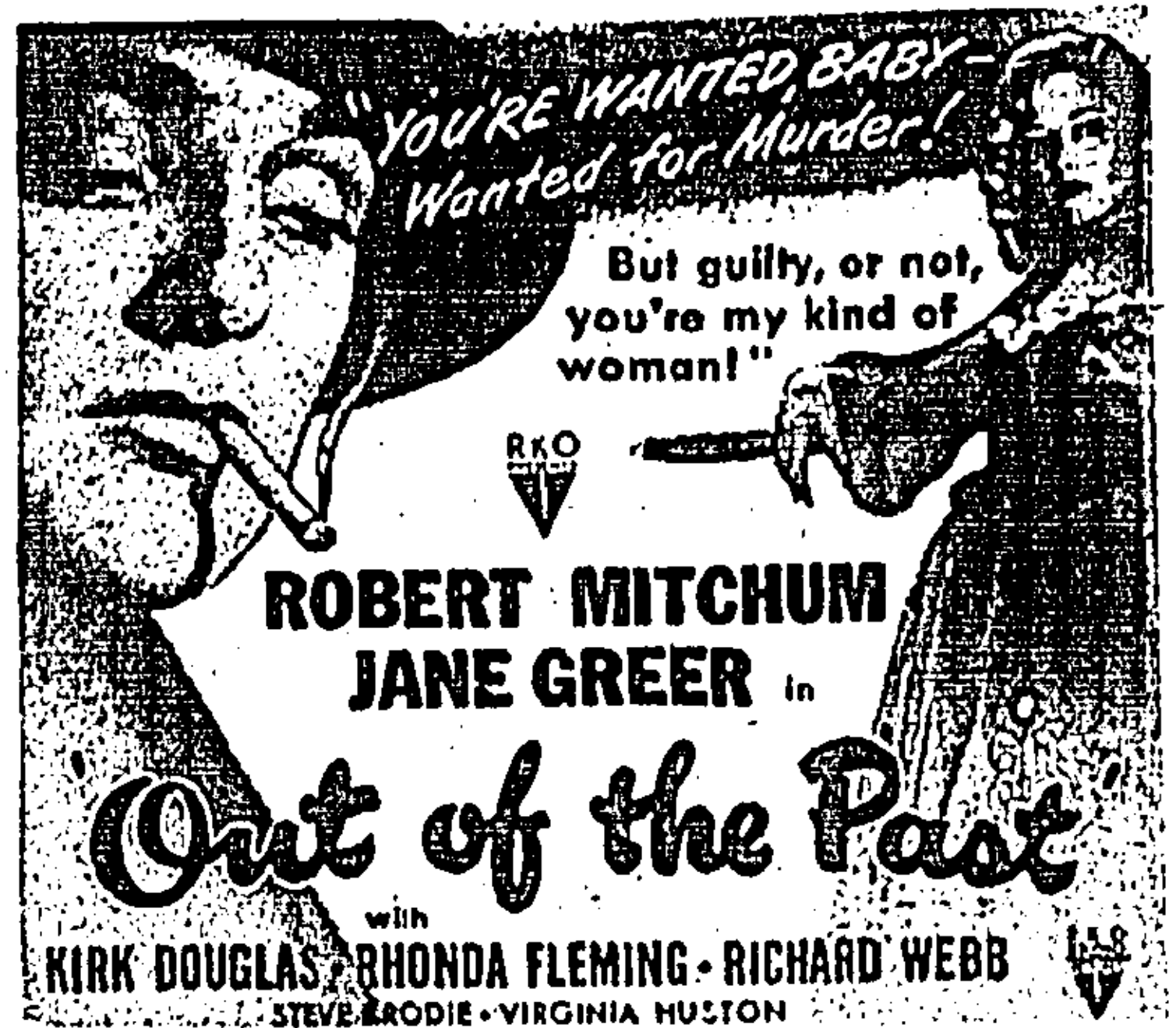
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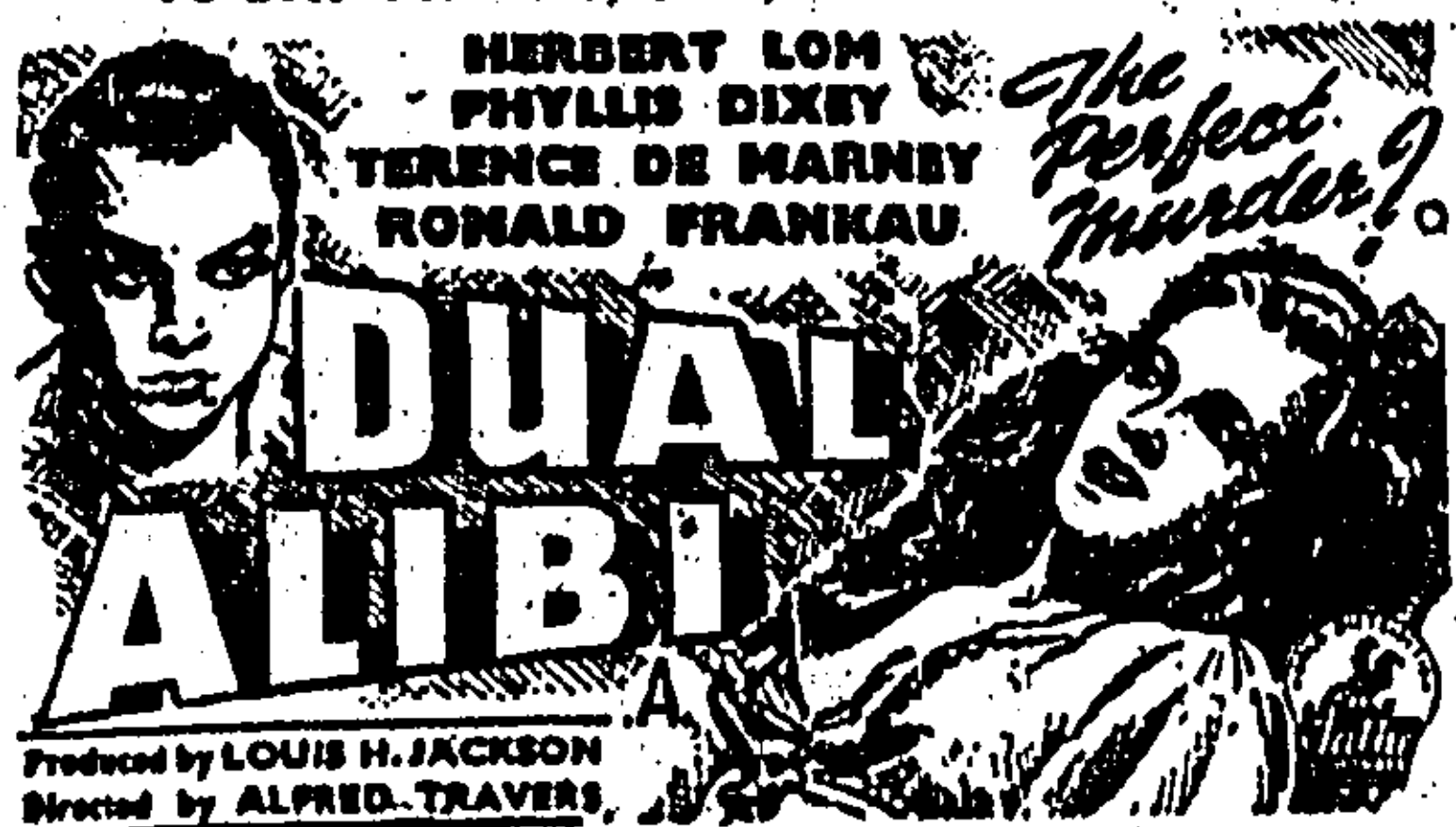


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LES FAIBLES

A TRAGEDY OF INFLATION

by
ROSETTE HARGROVE

There's a non-shooting revolution going on in France today. Principal victims are two classes: the "economically weak" and the white collar class. Their plight enflees the structure of the nation at a time when it is under attack from the Communists. Rosette Hargrove, who has covered the postwar story of nearly all European countries, sends from Paris a close-up picture of a stricken economy.

A MILLION and a quarter French people are listed on the country's official registers today as "les économiquement faibles"—the economically weak. They are the men and women over 65 whom inflation has reduced to the extremes of poverty, often after 40 years of work.

And all over France, the "petite bourgeoisie"—the middle classes—have begun to organise. They have formed a national committee embracing federations of small landowners, one-man business proprietors, architects, artisans, lawyers and chemists, with a membership of a million.

Because their varied interests are often unsuited to joint action, they may have a hard time defending their cause. But their leaders do not consider the cause is lost, for there is one common interest among these middle class groups: not to end up, at 65, by being another generation of the economically weak.

Two World Wars, plus inflation, have placed the little people of France in this position. By exercising a major French virtue—thriftiness—millions of them used to be able to fulfil their dream of retirement to a small house, a small plot of land, and a moderate income.

Inflation has turned the dream into an economic nightmare. To be classed as "economically weak" means an annual income of no more than US\$200 per person, or \$330 per couple. This is the new "liberalised" figure which is expected to increase the list of economically weak to more than two million, all of whom are entitled to 1200 francs a month (about US\$4) in government assistance.

Multiplied By 100

It makes little or no difference whether these people once invested their savings in property or in Government bonds. If dependent on rentals, they have had to face a cost of living multiplied by 100 since 1920 and 20 times since 1938, while rental laws until recently have permitted increases of only five to 10 percent.

Rents are to be jacked up somewhere around 33 percent this year, with a complicated computation of living space, height of ceiling, position and so on which nobody seems to understand, least of all the landlords. Generally speaking, rents were so low in France that today a man easily spends two or three times for tobacco in a week more than he pays his landlord.

There are hundreds of thousands of old people in France who own the homes in which they live, but who face slow starvation on pitifully small incomes. Reluctantly they are obliged to sell prized pieces of furniture and jewellery, well supplied never so busy, people who have money are investing their francs in antiquities, while the ex-owners are forced to enroll on the lists of the economically weak.

A life annuity was another formula much in favour with the French before inflation. A person of independent means who after World War I derived an income of 15,000 francs a year (once the equivalent of US\$3,000 but now barely \$50) could live very comfortably. Today, a couple spends that much in a month just to keep body and soul together.

For those who invested all their savings in the Government, the State has been obliged to step in. Such people, over 65 and whose yearly income is below 100,000 francs, have had their annuities increased, but only up to 100,000 francs. No provision has been made for persons drawing annuities from private sources.

The cost of food in France thirty, even twenty, years ago was admittedly low, which explains the small annuities. In 1918, a 10-franc note bought 50 pounds of bread. Ten years ago it would still buy six pounds, while today it buys a little over one-half pound.

Workers fare better, although their wages keep getting behind prices. If they have children, however, they benefit by family allowances. Three or four children under 14 means US\$40 to US\$60 a month extra. Under the State system, workers get free medical care and unemployment benefits. They also get two to four weeks vacation with pay and are ensured a modest pension. Finally, their rentals are incredibly low.



Andre and Anne Chaumont: They can put down what they've spent, but it adds up to "misery in a white collar."

The farmer is the biggest winner, and he represents nearly half of the 40 million Frenchmen. His standard of living was never so high. He now eats meat every day whereas before once or twice a week was the maximum, which is said to be part of the reason meat is so expensive to city dwellers. No Government has yet dared to tax the farmer, nor compel him to deliver his goods to the markets.

"Economically weak" aged people are not the only big sufferers. The middle classes—especially fixed salary white-collar groups—are finding it hard to make ends meet. They cannot escape taxation, since their employers deduct it from their pay. The position of the middle classes, as well as professionals such as doctors, dentists and engineers, becomes less and less enviable as more industry is nationalised and social insurance schemes are extended.

To millions of French middle-class couples like Anne and Andre Chaumont, life today is misery in a white collar.

Most of the privileges once available to the "petite bourgeoisie" are hopelessly beyond their reach. But their inflation-bred hardship is not the "rags and tatters" variety. Most of them are too proud to ask for help; they keep their homes clean, dignified, and even attractive, and their clothes are spotless because they have to keep up white collar appearances.

This explains why a census of young middle class couples today would reveal that most wives have had to take a job to make ends meet. In better days, when a French girl married, she expected to stay at home and raise a family. A wife only went to work in exceptional cases where she had a profession or business prior to marriage.

Doing Without

BOTH Anne and Andre Chaumont have jobs, and their combined salaries, back in 1939, would have enabled them to enjoy all sorts of amenities which they have to do without today.

They could have rented a comfortable apartment instead of a tiny three-room, walk-up flat without bathroom or closet space. Anne Chaumont would not have to leave her baby in a crèche from 8.30 until six at night five days a week. They would not have been obliged to do without all these little pleasures which bring colour to everyday lives, nor count every franc. Above all, they would not have had to spend nearly a third of their monthly income on food as they do today to live very frugally.

Andre Chaumont (38) and his wife Anne (34) come from families of engineers and professors. Both received a sound education and were brought up in relative comfort. Anne is an accountant in a large household appliances firm and earns US\$54 a month. Anne is a social worker and earns more than her husband—US\$80 a month. On their combined salaries they pay US\$9 in taxes—income and social security—which leaves them US\$125 a month net. They are not entitled to the family allowance of US\$8 a month for their first child (their son is 18 months old) because both are at work.

Rent represents US\$1.50 a month. Even with the 33 percent rent increase to be applied this year, it will still be ridiculously cheap by any standards.

No Fixed Budget

ANNE Chaumont confessed she had no fixed monthly budget. "I know what I can spend within a couple of hundred francs, so what's the use of a budget?" she asked. "Every night after dinner my husband brings out the account book and we both go over our day's expenses. I do my daily shopping when I come home from work."

Gas, electricity and heating (coal for the living room stove) cost them around US\$4 per month. For 25 cents apiece they have a substantial midday meal at their respective canteens, which makes US\$5 a month; US\$7 more goes for son Marc's crèche, while US\$4 goes towards shoe and bicycle repairs. Another US\$5.50 goes for Anne's carfare.

Although the Chaumonts eat frugally, Anne Chaumont reckons on between US\$34.50 and \$30 for food alone each month, just for the three of them. Once in a great while they entertain their respective families to dinner, but seldom ask friends to drop in and take "pot



France's "petite bourgeoisie": Two World Wars and inflation have made the old people, like the woman in the right foreground, economically weak, and have made the younger generation behind her organise against a similar future.

luck" because Anne buys just enough for her small family.

After deducting US\$5 monthly for insurance—life and accident, bicycle, fire and endowment for Marc on his 21st birthday—and barring emergency expenses such as a broken window, electric light bulbs, cleaners' bills, etc., the Chaumonts have a credit balance of about US\$60. This has to cover clothing, vacations and the renewal of household supplies.

Clothes are an important and necessary item in a middle-class budget. Both Andre and Anne Chaumont have to be neatly dressed to hold their jobs. Andre had to buy a new suit this autumn for the office—US\$50—plus a rain-coat, US\$40; two pairs of shoes, US\$18; two shirts, US\$10, and underclothes, US\$4. Anne's clothes question was easier. She makes all her summer clothes, wears neither hat nor stockings nine months of the year. This year she bought a second-hand dress from a friend for US\$13; a woollen jacket, US\$20; two pairs of shoes, US\$14. Yard goods, rayon stockings, and knitting wool cost her US\$20, cosmetics another US\$6. So far she had made all of baby Marc's clothes from old dresses, but this year she had to buy him a coat (US\$4) and two pairs of shoes (US\$6).

Because they have friends who own a large villa at the seaside, the Chaumonts were able to spend their entire month's vacation there. Even so, their vacation cost them US\$60 plus US\$25 railway fare (including the 20 percent official discount for all workers).

On week-ends, they travel 12 miles out of Paris to visit Andre Chaumont's parents, who own a small house. Once every three months they go to a concert or a theatre.

Despite the many sacrifices they endure, the Chaumonts plan to have at least two more children. What they both hope for is a sense of security in a future devoid of war scares and threats of civil war, a world in which they could live and work with a mind at peace.

The Chaumonts are fully aware that France has gone through a social revolution so far as their class is concerned. They accept the levelling which new social conditions have brought about philosophically, and are sufficiently realistic not to attempt to "keep up a front." If anything, they are yearning to buy him a coat (US\$4) and two pairs of shoes (US\$6).

No Proof Of The Supernatural

By Robert Musel

THE psychic world has been shaken by the contention of a brilliant young investigator that despite 70 years of research, it still needs more evidence to convince science that there are such things as supernatural happenings.

Into the paranormal class Dr D. J. West lumped premonitions, apparitions or ghosts, telepathy and dreams that come from the Society for Psychical Research, is that there is no unshakable case for any of the categories.

In criticising or pointing out the possibility of error in some of the classic cases usually presented as evidence of paranormal events, Dr West emphasised that dreams occasionally do come true and that telepathy does work on occasion.

But he understands that there is no evidence that it happens outside the usual mathematical laws of probability. Thus millions of people dream every night, it would be unusual if some of these dreams did not coincide with an event. Millions of people are thinking of other people, so it is likewise not surprising that there are some "telepathic" contacts.

CLASSIC CASES

Dr West, who has done intensive investigation into alleged mischievous ghosts called poltergeists and other psychic phenomena, does not feel that such inquiries should be ended. He said "the few exceptional examples do strongly suggest a psychic explanation," and it is the duty of investigators to see that final proof either for or against the theory is produced.

Among the classic cases examined by Dr West is the dream of a Dutch woman in 1937 that Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands would be killed in a motor accident. She wrote a letter about the dream to a Dutch psychologist, and two days later Prince Bernhard was involved in an accident roughly as the woman had dreamed it. However, there were differences, including

the important fact that the prince was not killed.

Dr West recalled the case of David McConnell, a Royal Air Force flier who was killed in a crash at Tadcaster at 3.25 a.m. on December 7, 1918. At that moment, at his base 60 miles away, his friend, Lieut. Larkin was reading Larkin heard a familiar clatter, the door burst open and McConnell looked in and called "Hello, boy!" A few minutes later Lieut. Garner-Smith dropped in and Larkin told him McConnell was back. When they learned later that McConnell was dead, Larkin refused to believe it.

REMARKABLE EFFECTS

Dr West considers that the best case of its kind but pointed out that it could have been a hallucination. At least, the copper-riveted evidence that it was not hallucination is not available. Hallucination, he adds, can produce remarkable effects.

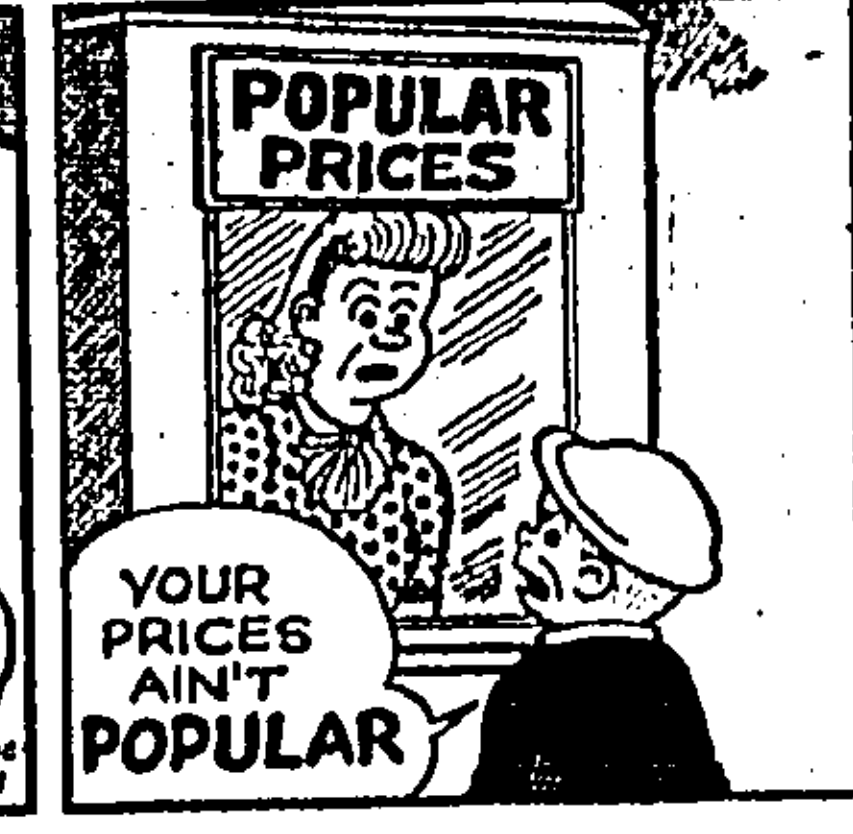
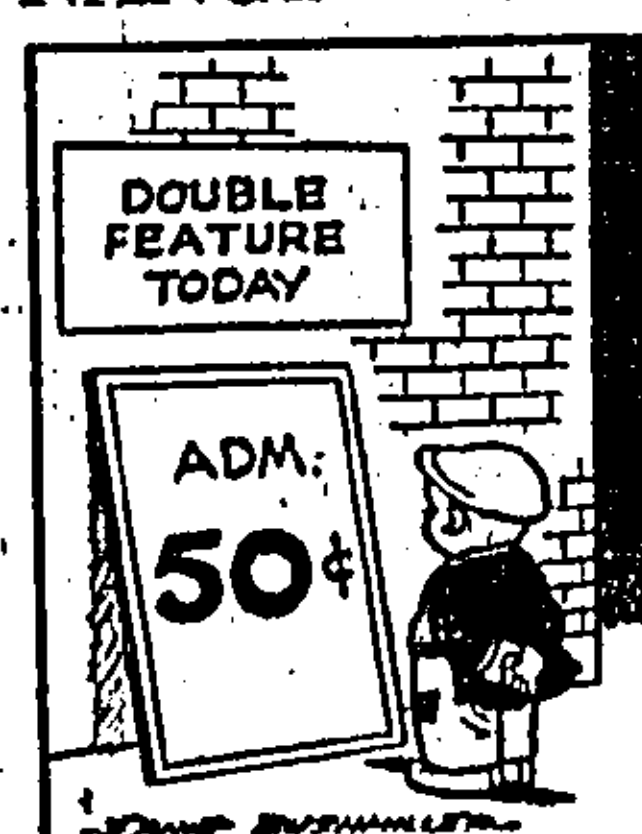
With the hope that investigators would make greater efforts to obtain unassailable evidence, Dr West related the case of the president of a small club which met once a month in England. At the time of one meeting, the president was very ill, and while the other members were discussing business they were startled to see the death pale figure of their president walk into the club room and take his place in the vacant chair.

The apparition looked about in silence for a moment, then rose and walked out. The members talked over the visitation and next morning learned the president had died at about the time they thought they saw him.

Dr West said the incident created a tremendous furor and affidavits attesting to the ghost were drawn up. But later a nurse confessed that she had left the patient's bedside to go to a nearby shop and that when she returned she found his bed empty. He came back soon, however, collapsed, and died. She never dared to reveal what happened for fear of ruining her professional reputation. So the "ghost" was a real person.

NANCY

Dissenter



By Ernie Bushmiller



U.K. UNAWARE OF U.S. DESIRE FOR CHANGE IN JAPAN

London, Feb. 21.—The British Government has received no representations from the United States Government with a view to changing the Allied policy over the occupation of Japan, Mr Hector McNeill, Minister of State, told Parliament today.

He was replying to a question by a Labour Member, Mr Raymond Blackburn.

Navy Seeks Scientific Guidance

London, Feb. 21.—Admiralty is still awaiting guidance from the scientists before building the new kind of navy needed in the atomic age, Britain's Navy Estimates for 1949-50, published today, indicated.

In an official Parliamentary paper published with the Estimates, Lord Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that he did not propose this year to undertake any substantial programme of new construction.

The policy during the forthcoming year would be directed to the improvement by all possible means of the state of readiness of the fleet.

It would also be directed to "vigorous research and development on which the maintenance of the traditional efficiency of the Royal Navy, particularly in the years ahead, will so largely depend."

The Estimates amount to £189,250,000 an increase of £30,250,000 over last year. They revealed that only nine warships will be under construction on March 31 this year—one fleet aircraft carrier, one light fleet aircraft carrier and seven destroyers.

The Admiralty will spend £7,180,000 in the coming year on scientific services and research, the Estimates revealed. Last year's figure was £6,025,000.

Lord Hall's introductory statement to the Estimates declared: "The maintenance of our sea communications in any future war will depend in a high degree on the ability of the Navy, in co-operation with the Royal Air Force, to successfully counter-attack by weapons of a familiar kind but of greatly improved efficiency, and against weapons which have so far not been used at sea."

Provision is made in the estimates for a maximum strength of 153,000 for the Royal Navy, Marines and ancillary services, with 1,400 Royal Marine police. This figure includes 7,200 for the Women's Royal Naval Service and 300 for the Queen Alexandra Royal Naval Nursing Service. It also includes at the maximum approximately 5,000 men and women on release leave and some 3,000 local entrants abroad.—Reuter.

FINANCIAL AID FOR REFUGEES

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Senate today passed and sent to the House a resolution authorising a US\$10,000,000 United States contribution for the aid of Palestine war refugees.

The contribution would be made to a special United Nations fund. It would be used to assist about 470,000 Arab and 6,000 Jewish refugees scattered throughout the Middle East.

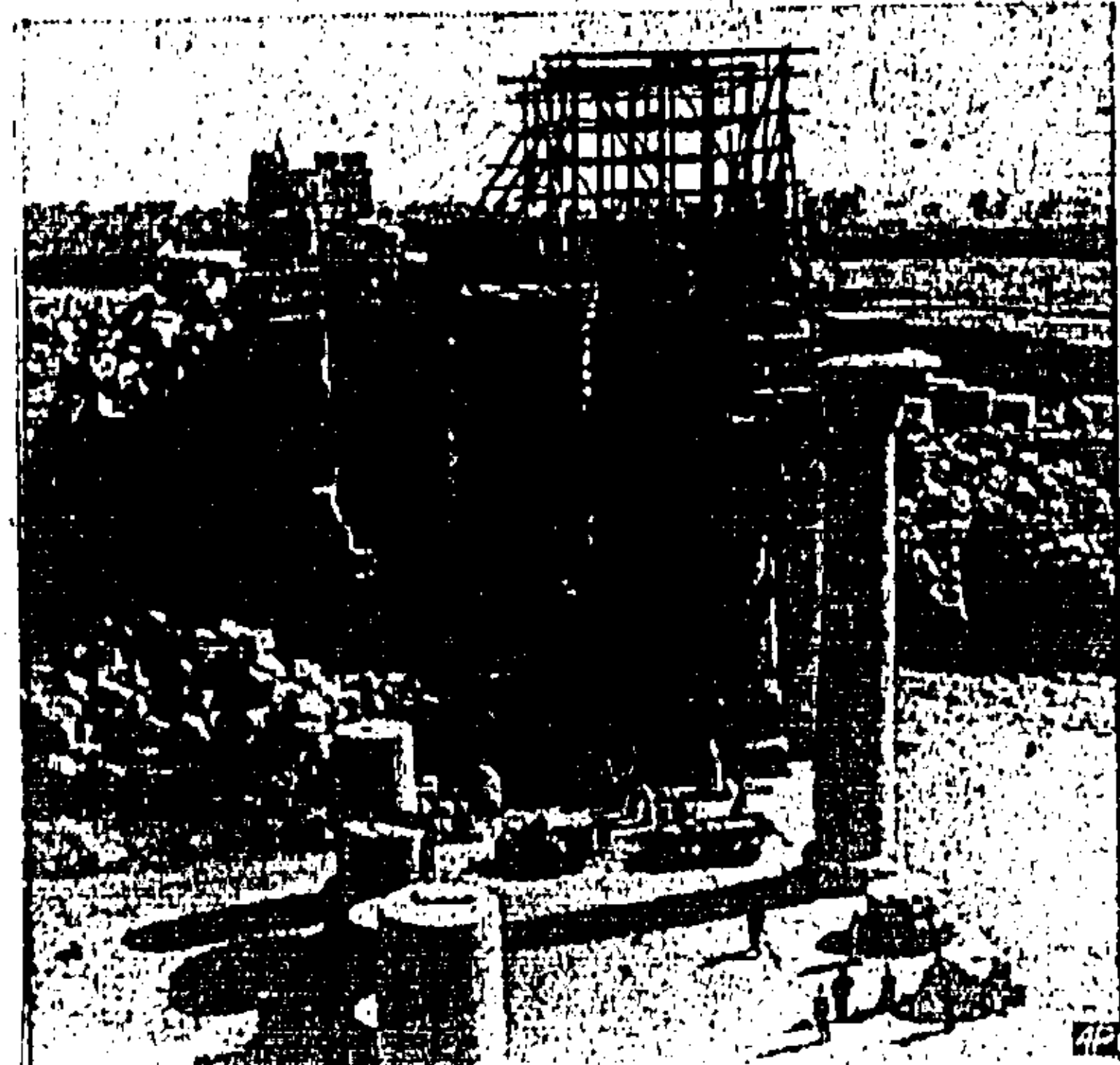
The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Tom Connally, said the contribution was necessary to avert a "great human catastrophe."—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"What does he need glasses for? None of the members of my family ever had trouble with their eyes!"



RESTORATION—To match original stone, rubble is used to restore 4,000-year-old Temple of Amon, at Karnak, Egypt.

Reasoning Alone Can Not End War—Monty

Zurich, Feb. 21.—Viscount Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief of the Western European Defence Union, said today that the world has not yet reached the stage where mankind can end war by reasoning alone.

Addressing the Swiss-British Society in Zurich, Viscount Montgomery said: "We are supposed to be at peace, but it is a very uneasy peace which broods over the world."

DOWN HERE TO CONTACT COMMUNISTS

Chinese Delegates From Canton

The unofficial Chinese peace delegation arrived at Kai Tak this morning from Canton by Hongkong Airways, but their leader, Professor Wu Yu-hao, said they were not empowered to conduct negotiations with the Communists in Hongkong, but only to contact them and to exchange views.

He said: "We were sent by Sun Fo, with the approval of the acting President, Li Tsung-jen, but we have no power to conduct negotiations."

Professor Wu denied that there had been any split or any conflict between Premier Sun Fo and acting President Li Tsung-jen.

The three delegates were met at Kai Tak by a large contingent of pressmen.

Professor Wu said that when they had been in Peking, the Communists advised them to go to Hongkong and contact the Reds there.

Asked which Communist leaders the delegates intended to contact in Hongkong, Professor Wu said that had not yet been decided.

The three delegates which arrived here today are Wu Yu-hao (leader), Chiu Yee-yung and Wu Chai-fang.

Fruitless NT Search For Kidnappers

An extensive police search in the area of Castle Peak last night failed to find any trace of a party of thirteen armed Chinese who kidnapped a sand collector, Lo Yau, near the village of Tai Lam Chung at about 8.30 p.m.

About 50 police took part in the search, which continued until midnight, and armed patrols remained on the road all night.

Ho Yau and a friend, Ng Kun, were leaving the village after buying provisions, when two armed men forced them to go with them up a nearby hill.

Ng managed to escape and get back to the village. Two village guards who heard his cries for help fired several shots but the kidnappers escaped.

Ng said that the men had crossed the border from Chinese territory but could give no reason for the kidnapping.

Russia's Latest Request

Paris, Feb. 21.—The Russian Government has asked the French Government to hand over for trial as war criminals three witnesses called by Mr Victor Kravchenko, the Soviet-born author of the book "I Chose Freedom." In his libel action against the French Communist weekly, Les Lettres Françaises, the Paris bureau of the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported tonight.

A note asking for the three witnesses to be handed over was handed to Mr Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, tonight by Mr. Alexander Bokomolov, of the Soviet Ambassador to France, Tass stated.—Reuter.

"Hands Off Malaya" Parade In London

London, Feb. 21.—Colonial students and Communist students maintained a ceaseless poster parade before Malaya House today, protesting against British military action in Malaya.

Starting at 8 a.m. British, Indian, Pakistani and other coloured students paraded in relays around Nelson's Column and on the pavements before Malaya House, carrying banners with the slogans "Hands off Malaya" and "We want houses, not graves, in Malaya".

The police have not interfered, but are keeping a watchful eye on the demonstrators.

Today's demonstration was planned during a week-end colonial convention which was addressed by Mr Lester Hutchinson, Labour Member of Parliament, who came into prominence during the famous Meerut conspiracy in the 1930's.

Mr Hutchinson congratulated colonial students for their active efforts to liberate their countries and voiced support for their anti-Government demonstration.

He said: "Right wing labour leaders in Britain would be deprived of their hot-water-bottles if Malaya was given independence."

The West African poet, Mr Peter Blackman, addressed the convention and appealed to all coloured races to "elevate their minds as independent human beings."

Mr Dilip Bose, chairman of the Colonial Convention, welcomed representatives from Pakistan, Ceylon and Africa, "students from Dominions who have just emerged from 200 years of imperialist rule and colonies who are still struggling to achieve freedom."

Mr Bose also said: "Before the heroic youth of Vietnam and Malaya, the bastions of imperialism are crumbling. In India today, the students are in the forefront of the common people's struggle."

In the meantime, at another meeting at India House, the Indian High Commissioner, Mr Krishna Menon, reiterated India's long-standing promise to uphold the aspirations of Asiatic and African countries seeking national independence.

Delegates to the Colonial Convention said today's demonstrations a forerunner of an organised movement "to counter imperialist plans for the integration of colonial territories."—United Press.

Britons In Mukden Free To Move About

Nanking, Feb. 21.—Authoritative reports today say that members of the British Consulate in Mukden enjoy wider freedom of movement than the 13 members of the American Consulate, who are confined to their quarters virtually incommunicado.

The latest fragmentary information from travellers is that the British are still permitted to move about in Mukden, though not outside the city.

The Americans are confined to their quarters, and it is not known whether they are permitted to carry on consular duties, since radio communication was suspended on November 18, when the Communists refused to grant the American Consulate a licence to operate a transmitter.

The American, British and French Consulates are not permitted even to send cables contacting their respective governments.

Other fragmentary reports said that all foreign Consulates in Mukden are still open, and their staffs are given freedom of movement inside the city.—United Press.

REBELS SEIZE BURMA TOWNS

(Continued from Page 1)

Returning here today he described how he suspected trouble. When armed men tried to enter his plane as it took off at Meiktila. He said he took off at once, causing the men to be flung off the plane.

The insurgents now already hold Puy and Taunggyi, 35 and 170 miles north of Rangoon.

An official spokesman here said the rebels were reported to be advancing northwards towards Mandalay, presumably to rescue Karen soldiers disarmed by Government forces.

Burmese Air Force planes today bombed Karen positions in Insein, near here, and Chin Riikmen in the Government Army captured more positions in the town. It was reported.

A Government communique added that after Government forces had entered the railway workshops at Gyogon, south of Insein, heavy fighting took place and the Karens made unsuccessful attempts to break through the lines of the attackers.—Reuter.

Mr Walter Koates

The condition of Mr Walter Koates, who is in the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull, was stated this morning to be "just about the same."

HK Council Of Women
His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, will speak at a meeting of the Hongkong Council of Women in the YWCA, Duddell Street, on Thursday at 5.15 p.m.

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2.30 p.m.	Chapter I
5.15 p.m.	Chapter II
7.20 p.m.	Chapter I
9.20 p.m.	Chapter II

A Columbia Picture.

SHOWING TO-DAY

Cathay

AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

WHAT A DELICIOUS DILEMMA FOR GLAMOROUS SHIRLEY...

Shirley TEMPLE
Frankie TONE
Guy MADISON
Money Moon

A WILLIAM HECHLER PICTURE

NEXT CHANGE!—WARNER'S SUPERNATURAL SUPER HIT!
"THE BEAST WITH FIVE FINGERS"
Starring: Peter LORRE · Robert ALDA · Andrea KING

N. Atlantic Union Prospects

(Continued from Page 1)

leader in Congress who cannot be further identified. He said a clause in the treaty will leave no doubt about this nation's determination to resist aggression.

In England and elsewhere, considerable dismay had been expressed when Senate foreign policy leaders made it clear about a week ago they would not go along with an "automatic war" clause in the treaty.

Chairman Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senator Vandenberg, believe such a clause would by-pass the United States Congress' right to declare war.

But an official said on Monday the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, has reached an understanding with the Foreign Relations Committee on the nature of the assurances.

Mr Acheson is scheduled to meet within the next day or two with representatives of Canada and the European countries taking part in the talks.

The State Department hopes to present the pact to Congress in a month, and to back it up with a multi-billion dollar military aid programme for Western Europe.

Norway's decision to go along with the West had been generally anticipated. Foreign Minister Lange told a news conference in Oslo that bitter experience has convinced his country that neutrality and isolation will not protect her. He cited the German invasion of 1940.—Associated Press.

A BIG DAY FOR THE CHILDREN

London, Feb. 21.—April 24 became an important date for every child in Britain today.

The Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, announced in Parliament that sweets are to be freed from rationing.

For the first time in seven years children will be able to buy as many sweets as their pocket money permits. The de-rationing will mean a saving of 1,100 in staff to the trade and 400 to the Food Ministry. It will cost up to another 10,000 tons of sugar a year more than if de-rationing had been restricted, as originally proposed, only to the cheaper lines.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6 Programme Summary: 6.01 "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll (BBCIS) Episode 5 "Queen Alice" 6.30 Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai-lan & S. K. Lee (Studio) 6.35 Songs from the Film "Cathay" sung by Tony Martin; 7 World News and News Analysis (See Page 2) 7.15 "See You" Talks on Sport (Studio) 7.25 Interlude; 7.30 "The Gay Nineties" Presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 8 "From the Editorials" (See Page 2) 8.10 "Nothing but Music" Sidney Torch & the Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (ORH); 8.40 Instrumental Suite No. 2 for Two Pianos Op 17, Vronsky and Babini; 9 "20 Questions"—The First of a Series of 5 new Editions. Residents: Aileen Parker, John Colley and Douglas Gail. Guest: Signmaster Daber. Question Master: Peter Gregory (Studio) 9.30 "Goodbye to all This" By Jerry to Rhodessa (BBCIS); 10 Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15 Weather Report; 10.18 "The Regionals" Royal Air Force No. 1 Regional Dance Orchestra. Relay from the China Fleet Club; 10.45 Music "Miniature" (BBCIS) A Programme of Continuous Music; 11.15 Weather Report and Close Down.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

More Advantages Under Point-Count

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

IN today's article, Fred L. Karpin, author of "The Point-Count System of Bidding in Contract Bridge," published by the Kaufman Press of Washington, D. C., points out further advantages of the point-count over the honour-trick system of bidding.

A. Moyse, Jr., editor and publisher of "The Bridge World," recently wrote an article entitled "Why I Dislike the 4-3-2-1 Count." Moyse has always advocated the honour-trick count, although he admits that it is not perfect. He claims the mistake point-count advocates make is in claiming perfection for their system.

In his article Mr. Moyse showed certain hands on which the point-count system did not work. Today Mr. Karpin presents three hands, and asks, "If your partner opened the bidding with one no trump, which of these three hands would you prefer to hold?"

- (1) \heartsuit x x x \spadesuit x x x \clubsuit x x x \diamondsuit x x x
- (2) \heartsuit x x x \spadesuit x x x \clubsuit x x x \diamondsuit x x x
- (3) \heartsuit Q J x \spadesuit Q J x \clubsuit Q J x \diamondsuit x x x x

In the point-count system, hand No. 1 has a count of 7 (4 for the ace and 3 for the king). No. 2 has a point-count of 9 (3 for each king). No. 3 also has a count of 9 (2 for each queen and 1 for each Jack).

In honour-count, hand No. 1 has two tricks, while the other two have only one and a half. Yet Karpin believes that most players would prefer to hold hand No. 2 or 3, rather than No. 1.

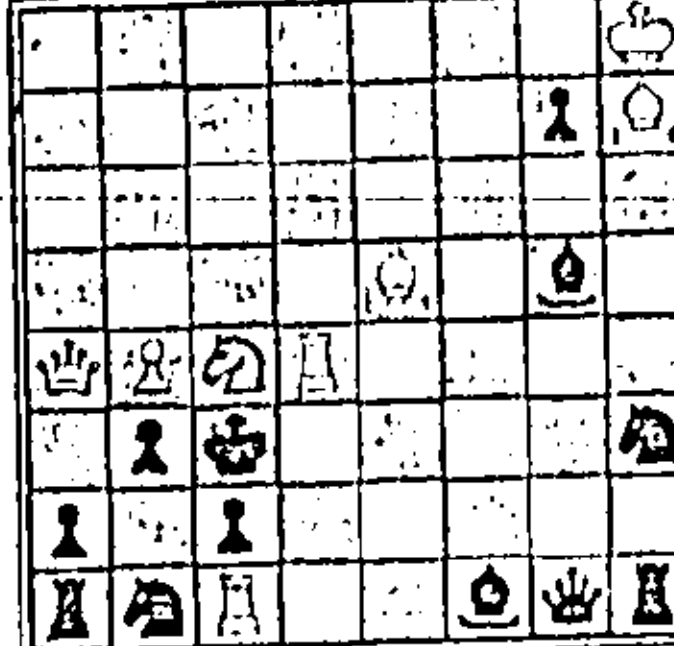
Karpin also takes exception to the fact that the honour-count system does not recognise the jack of one suit and the queen of another as an added value, while in point-count, the jack in one suit would count one point, and the queen in the other suit would count two points. These added values might make up the requirement to give partner a raise.

Karpin's book demonstrates the use of point-count for both no-trump and suit bidding. Many experts today are using it for suit bidding, but most of them are using some type of point-count for no-trump bidding.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. HARING

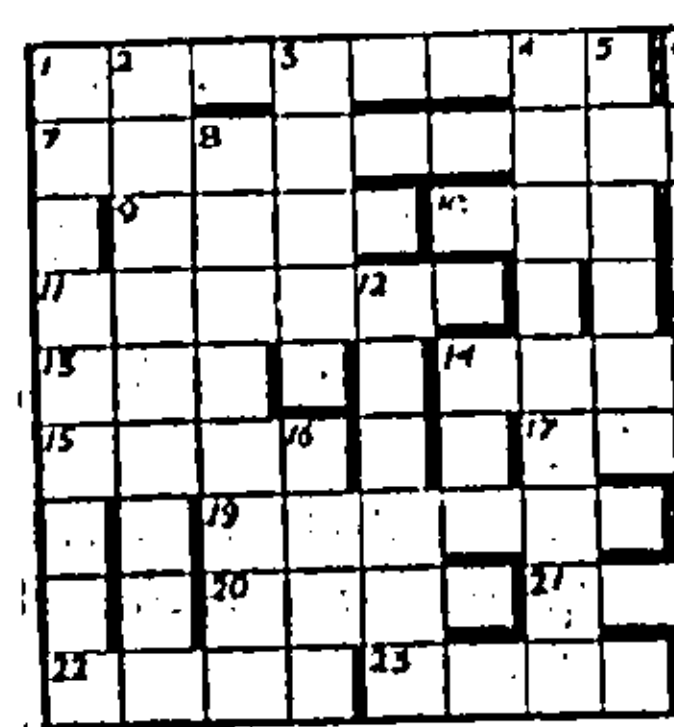
Black, 12 pieces.



White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-KK3, any; 2. Q mates.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. and 2. This seasoning is made from capicum. (7)
3. One way to tear pipes. (6)
4. Open space. (4)
5. Dinner-time thing to get from a sofa. (3)
6. A big set of rocks, through which some more, fog is escaping. Then he makes the two friends sit on a round rock while he himself slips into a narrow crack. (10)
7. A rugger player longs to make this attempt. (3)
8. No false relation but a dower. (6)
9. You get a join from him. (4)
10. Beg. (3)
11. Heena wrong to find need in here. (4)
12. Down
1. A train on horseback. (9)
2. A road. (4)
3. A track the Seine has. (4)
4. See 1 Across. (4)
5. With which the Miller seeks gold. (6)
6. A little part. (4)
7. He's on a winning side. (6)
8. A house-boat in the park lake. (3)
9. It was the first known brand. (4)
10. A horse. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across
1. Peppercorn. (7)
2. Down. (6)
3. A road. (4)
4. A track the Seine has. (4)
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Check Your Knowledge

- What is the common name for mercury?
- What is a dingo?
- Where are quicksands most often found?
- Name the first woman member of a United States Cabinet.
- When was frictional electricity discovered?
- Name the current that warms the northwestern shores of North America.

(Answers in Column 4)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Hand Scolded Purr-Purr

—She Told Her Not to Climb Trees—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW Purr-Purr," said Hand, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, in a scolding voice to the white kitten, "I just looked out of the window and saw what you were doing. You were climbing up a tree."

Purr-Purr just looked at Hand and didn't say a word. I don't think (in fact, I'm quite sure) Purr-Purr couldn't talk. But even if she could, she didn't. Hand took Purr-Purr on her lap and sat very quietly for a moment or two on the back steps of the house.

"Of course, dear," Hand finally said, speaking to Purr-Purr again, "lots of things climb up trees. Boys do and girls do. But kittens shouldn't. Do you know why they shouldn't?"

Purr-Purr didn't say that she cared about hearing why kittens shouldn't climb trees. But Hand decided to tell her anyway.

Catch Birds

"It's because when kittens climb trees they always try to catch birds. It isn't right for kittens to try to catch birds, any more than it would be for birds. Hand added quickly, 'to try to catch kittens. Birds never try to catch kittens.' Hand said, just in case Purr-Purr thought that they did.

"Birds are too nice to be caught and eaten up," Hand went on. "If

SCIENCE AT WORK:

TINNED FOODS RETAIN NUTRITIONAL VALUES

BY PAUL F. ELLIS

A SIX-YEAR research programme by scientists of nine universities shows that most tinned food loses none of its nutritional value.

Dr. Conrad A. Elvehjem, dean of the graduate school of the University of Wisconsin and discoverer of the B-vitamin, niacin, said that the work was "one of the most comprehensive and valuable programmes of scientific investigation that has ever been undertaken in the field of processed foods."

The research, including a study of the average content of 42 tinned foods in terms of calories, proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins A and C and four of the B vitamins, showed that heat-sensitive nutrients, notably thiamine and vitamin C, can be protected indefinitely in tinned foods by avoidance of storage in high temperatures.

It showed also that in addition to the high ratios of vitamins retained, minerals and calories also are retained in tinned foods and that normal dietary requirements for nutrients supplied by any cooked

foods may be met through selective use of tinned foods.

In all, more than 50,000 tins of food were used in the tests, and more than 40,000 assays run by the participating laboratories were made during the six-year study. The tinned food was obtained from 500 canneries, with control methods instituted to assure inclusion of early-mid-season and end-of-season items in each category listed.

Search For Petroleum

A new method of seismic oil exploration was demonstrated recently by Dr. Thomas C. Poulter of the Stanford Research Institute. The process is designed to speed the search for petroleum reserves.

The Poulter method uses a pattern of small charges, detonated above ground in a manner producing man-made 'quakes' which penetrate deep into the earth and return reflections recorded by seismic equipment. A photographic record of the shock waves is read to determine the structure of the earth's crust to a depth of 10,000 feet, which is usually found.

The principal advantages of the method, Poulter said, are the large savings in eliminating most hole drilling costs, greater speed in mapping areas, and in the opening of new areas not presently suited to ordinary exploration.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- Quicksilver.
- Native wild bird of Australia.
- Near the mouths of large rivers.
- Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labour, appointed by Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- In the sixteenth century B.C. by rubbing amber with silk.
- The Japanese Current which sweeps up from China Sea across the Pacific Ocean and becomes the California Current.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I UNDERSTAND that Wugwell has engaged the Filistinian Trio to appear with their seasaw plank in his Christmas circus. He has written to Mrs. Wrotch to beg her to appear with them as a dusky Princess who sets the plank in motion as soon as the Ashura has adjusted it on his belly. "Here is a chance," says Wugwell, "for an M.P. to get to know the people. Think it over, old-timer." But old-timer telephoned a curt refusal. The Colonel, her husband, had read in a local paper a romantic version of the kiss exchanged with Anselmo the Snake Man outside the inn at Bishop's Stortford.

The spinach controversy

DEAR Sir,
If Mrs. Wheelstuffer's Spinach Observatory will encourage Americans to buy British, more power to her elbow. How many of those who are so ready to sneer at her can lay their hands on "spinach" hearts and say they have ever tried to do anything with spinach except eat it? Mr. Snodder's greedy attitude towards food brands him as the kind of Fascist bandit who makes us so unpopular in go-ahead countries.

Yrs. faithfully,
Raymond Falcon.

No tricks, Shuffleo!

She dances so easily, so naturally, that when she leaves the ground one almost expects her to remain suspended in the air.

(Article on ballet.)

THE father of Vestris, the French dancer, said of his son, "I believe Auguste would be in the air all the time, were he not afraid of humiliating his colleagues." The great Topinambour, of course, used to have an invisible wire until a recruit to the corps de ballet gashed his chin on the wire during a pas de chameleon, and gave the whole show away.

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BORN today, you may achieve greatness if you make the best of your potentials. The stars have given you many talents. But you must, early in life, concentrate on some one thing, and not scatter your energy and interests too widely. You have a dual personality: one strong and positive—the other having a tendency to let things drift and take a natural course. Reason and logic will not hand you success on a silver platter. You will have to work for all you get.

You may be born with considerable worldly wealth, but this will not make you content, for you have an inner desire to achieve, even when lacking in aggressiveness. Once you develop your will, you can get anything you want.

You are not overemotional in your personal life and might not wed until quite late in life. But if you should meet that "one person," then it would be "head over heels" and an early marriage would make you very happy. Emotional contentment depends a great deal upon your own attitude.

Your intuitions are exceptionally keen and if you obey them, the chances are that you will seldom, if ever, go wrong. Never go against that "hunch" or you will find yourself getting into trouble!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—The afternoon or evening may bring romance, but conflicting influences need your very close attention.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—You may make a real advance today. Some incident connected with your work may prove of great importance.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Make new friends of the opposite sex. There is a romance in prospect if you are seeking one.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Guard against false promises, especially in business connections. Hate makes waste; go slow.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Romance is flourishing. Matters of the fair sex appear very promising, indeed. Make progress today.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A good active day for most of your interests. Novelty merchandising appears especially favoured.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Changes are often for the best. Today's turnabout is apt to fall into that category. Make auspicious advances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A friendship may bring you special happiness. Avoid business over-expansion. Otherwise all is well with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—New prospects in business are ahead. Make the most of romantic opportunities as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Good will and success in some new venture is yours if you go after it right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Get your best work done this morning for when afternoon comes there may be delays.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are jittery and jumpy, take time out for some rest and relaxation to restore your frayed nerves.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

US Unemployment Rise "Not Sign Of Approaching Slump"

Lake Success, Feb. 21.—United Nations representatives were today told that it would be a "bad error of judgment" to assume that the United States was heading for depression because of its increasing unemployment and the recent decline in commodity prices.

UK Sets New Export Record

London, Feb. 21.—The government today announced that United Kingdom exports reached a new record high last month.

January exports totalled £159,200,000, compared to the £137,100,000 record set in November last year.

Allowing for price increases, British trade experts say the January export volume has increased approximately 62 percent above the highest figure recorded before the war. Machinery and vehicles accounted for roughly one-third of total January export.—United Press.

The United States Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. W. J. Thorp, speaking before the Economic and Social Council, said, "It is apparent to all that the United States economy has been functioning quite well—not perfectly, by any means—but quite well, for a number of years. 'The fact that unemployment has increased more than seasonally in the last several weeks from 1,041,000 in mid-December to 2,064,000 in mid-January is no more than would be normally expected. 'In an economy as active and as dynamic as ours unemployment rarely goes below four percent of the labour force and in certain seasons it goes higher. 'In fact, it is an encouraging sign that inflationary pressures in the United States are abating.'—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$99,020.00. Transactions and open prices:

BANKS	1790
HSBC Bank	1790
INDUSTRIALS	
Canton	330 3/16
Union	70 1/2
Underwriters	530
HK Fire	265
DOCKS, ETC.	
K. Wah	140
Dock	25 1/2
Provident	16 1/2
Shui Lok	11 1/2
LAND, ETC.	
Hic Hotel	1530 15/16
Hic Land	67
Shui Land	380 3/80
Humphreys	142 1/2
UTILITIES	
Tram	1060 20/100
C. Light	1060
C. Light (N)	11
Electric	30 1/2
Telephone	33
INDUSTRIALS	
STONEST (XSD)	30 1/2
DAIRY, ETC.	
Dairy (O)	44
Dairy (N)	53
Watson (XSD)	54
L. Crawford	27
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N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Closing Rates Feb. 21	US\$2077
Argentina Peso (Official)	2093
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	32 1/2
Australia	6660
Brazil	622 1/2
Belgium	32 1/2
Canada	622 1/2
Chile	622 1/2
England	403 1/2
France	403 1/2
India	302 1/2
Mexico	403 1/2
New Zealand	403 1/2
Peru	603 1/2
Portugal	603 1/2
South Africa	603 1/2
Sweden	278 1/2
Switzerland	278 1/2
Uruguay	450 1/2
Venezuela	3010
Netherlands	3770
Hatavia	3775
Singapore	4730
Hongkong	6275
Shanghai	6275
United Press	

NEW YORK METAL MARKET

New York, Feb. 21.—The following prices were quoted in the metals market here today:

Iron Ore (5 1/2 percent iron)	
delivered lower port	
Lake Superior per short ton	US\$35-7.35
Copper (Electrolytic, Export) F.A.S. New York, per lb.	23 1/2 cents
Zinc (Prime Western, New York) per lb.	10.20
Manganese (Electrolytic, 99.9 percent Manganese) delivered east of Mississippi River	32.00
United Press	

Good Undertone On Rubber Market

New York, Feb. 21.—The rubber market today maintained a good undertone throughout.

Buying was accredited to London dealers and was accompanied by domestic dealer hedge-lifting against sales of physicals.

It was estimated that upwards of 1,500 tons moved in the Spot market, mostly to dealers who were allegedly anxious to cover short positions over the holiday torpor.

General opinion indicates that the immediate market trend depends upon the extent of factory buying.—United Press.

N.Y. Seeds And Oils

Closing prices Feb. 21	F.O.B.
Castor seed, per long ton	US\$18
Brazil	60
Cotton seed, per long ton	F.O.B.
Memphis	60
Flax seed, per bushel	F.O.B. Minn.
peels	6.00
Lined oil, per lb. in tank cars	F.O.B. New York
27.0 cents	
Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York	in cents
United Press	

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling pound note (per £1)	152 1/2
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.10
Gold bars (per tael)	30.50
P.C. plates (per 100)	9.15
Rain ticals (per 100)	24.50
NET guilders (per 100)	31.40
Gold yuan (per yuan)	0.025

UK-Argentina Trade Talks

Buenos Aires, Feb. 21.—Britain and Argentina began their biggest post-war trade deal today when President Peron officially welcomed five British experts in a full-dress ceremony at Casa Rosada.

Signor Peron was accompanied by the Argentine Foreign, Finance and Trade Ministers, the entire national economic council and numerous high officials. The British Ambassador, Sir John Balfour, and Commercial Minister, Mr. J. Lomax, introduced the experts.

The problem of British meat supplies is expected to figure early in the talks, which start tomorrow.—United Press.

Soviet-Italian Trade Exchange

Rome, Feb. 21.—It was announced today that Italy and Russia have concluded an agreement for an exchange of tobacco and cigarettes.

Italy will export three million kilograms of raw tobacco to Russia and import in return 750,000 kilograms of Russian tobacco to be used for blending new types of Italian cigarettes.

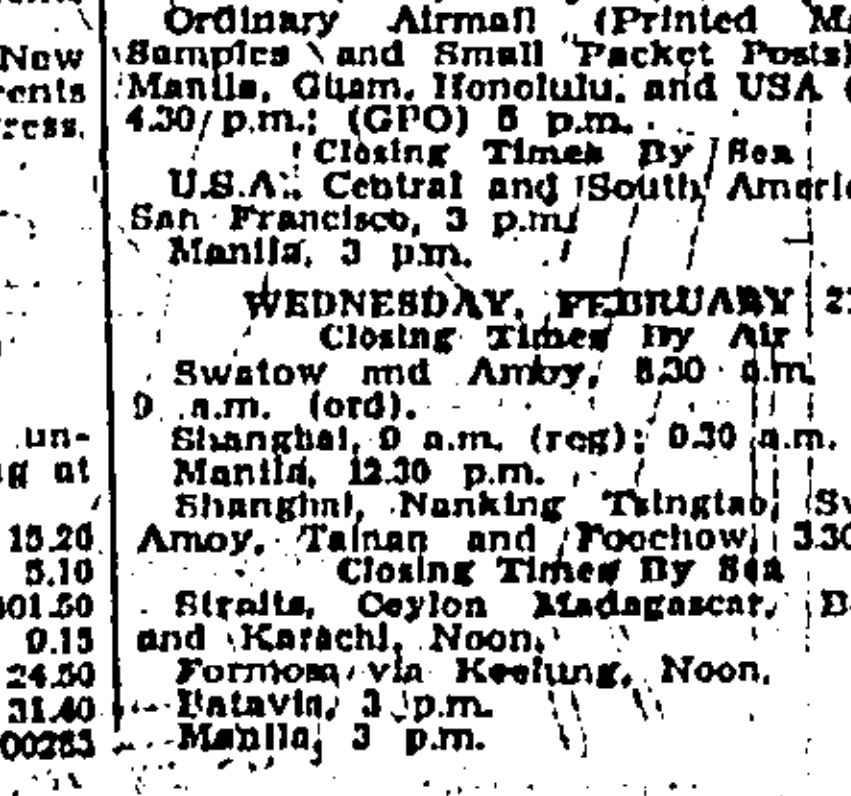
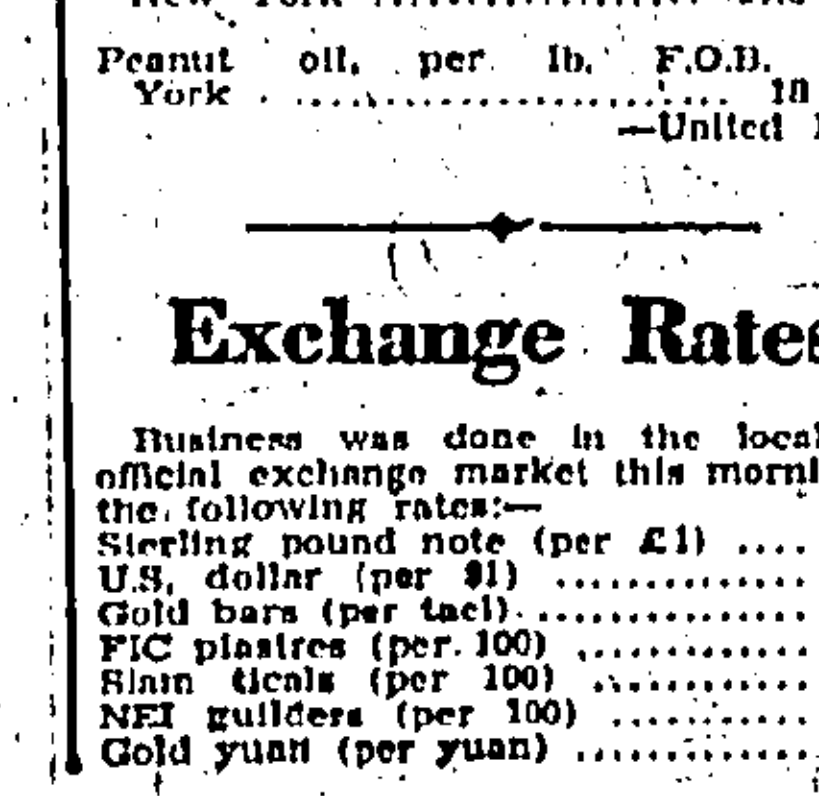
The accord was reached under the recently signed Italo-Russian trade agreement.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22	Closing times by Air
Shanghai, 3 p.m.	
Hankow, 3 p.m.	
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Swatow, 3 p.m.	
Manila, 3 p.m.	
London, 3 p.m.	
Paris, 3 p.m.	
Brussels, 3 p.m.	
Frankfurt, 3 p.m.	
Berlin, 3 p.m.	
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Helsinki, 3 p.m.	
Tallinn, 3 p.m.	
Riga, 3 p.m.	
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Istanbul, 3 p.m.	
Aden, 3 p.m.	
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Singapore, 3 p.m.	
Malacca, 3 p.m.	
Batavia, 3 p.m.	
Manila, 3 p.m.	

BRONCHO BILL



Berlin Jews Stone Police, Raid Theatre

MORE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST BRITISH FILM

Berlin, Feb. 21.—The screening of the British film "Oliver Twist" was again suspended today when hundreds of Jewish demonstrators stoned armed German police and broke into the Kurbel Theatre in the British sector of Berlin.

The demonstrators, who alleged the film was anti-Semitic, sang the Israeli national anthem when they learned that it would not be shown. The police arrested Herr Ernst Borchardt, a member of the Jewish Community Committee, who told the crowd that the showing had been postponed.

British military police stood by but took no part as the hopelessly outnumbered German police turned fire hoses on an angry crowd, which had grown to more than 5,000.

The Berlin premiere should have been held today following its postponement yesterday after a demonstration by Polish Jews, who "invaded" the Kurbel movie theatre shouting "This film is anti-Semitic" and "We will not allow this film to be shown."

West German sector police headquarters had said earlier today that they would give "inadequate protection" for today's premiere. Today's crowd comprised mainly of Eastern European Jews. They tried to fight their way into the movie theatre 15 minutes before the postponed performance was due to begin.

BATON CHARGES FAIL

West German sector police drew their batons and pressed back the demonstrators when they attempted to tear down posters advertising the film. The baton charges failed to prevent the demonstrators from tearing down the posters.

One Jew, his face covered with blood, fought his way to a radio microphone and, speaking in German and Polish, protested against the showing of the film.

A crowd of nearly 300 had gathered when some demonstrators threw stones at the German police. The police drew their pistols but the Jews taunted them and did not shoot. Upon an order of an officer, the police put their pistols back in their holsters.

The crowd then forced them back against the walls of the movie theatre. Using heavy stones, the demonstrators broke down a side door and forced their way inside. They found the theatre deserted. The showing had again been postponed and the audience had left through eight exits.

FIRE HOSES USED

The demonstrators swung back into the street and in free fights and stone throwing an American radio reporter sustained a broken nose. When the crowd swelled to 5,000, the German police, hopelessly outnumbered, used fire hoses. The demonstrators then attacked them again.

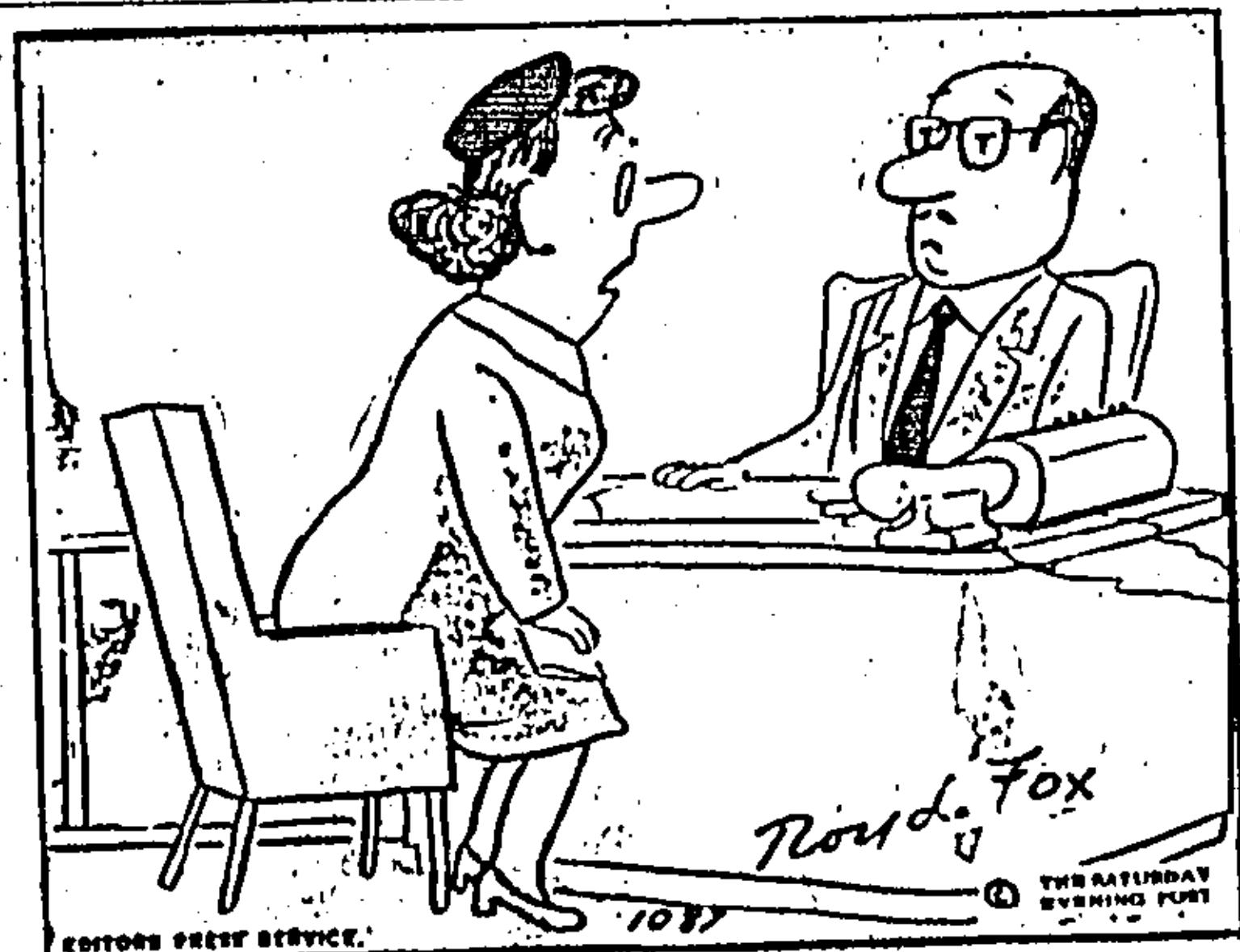
One shot was fired by a panicky policeman but so far as could be seen no one was injured. German onlookers generally adopted a neutral attitude, declaring "This is a fight between the Jews and the British."

No British personnel were involved although three British civil police officers were at the scene. Strongly reinforced German police eventually succeeded in clearing the square in front of the movie theatre.

Mr Henry Durban, the Berlin representative of Eagle-Lion Films, said: "We have now withdrawn 'Oliver Twist' and replaced it with Margaret Lockwood's 'Hungry Hill'. If, however, we can get British military police protection, we will attempt to put on 'Oliver Twist' again tonight."

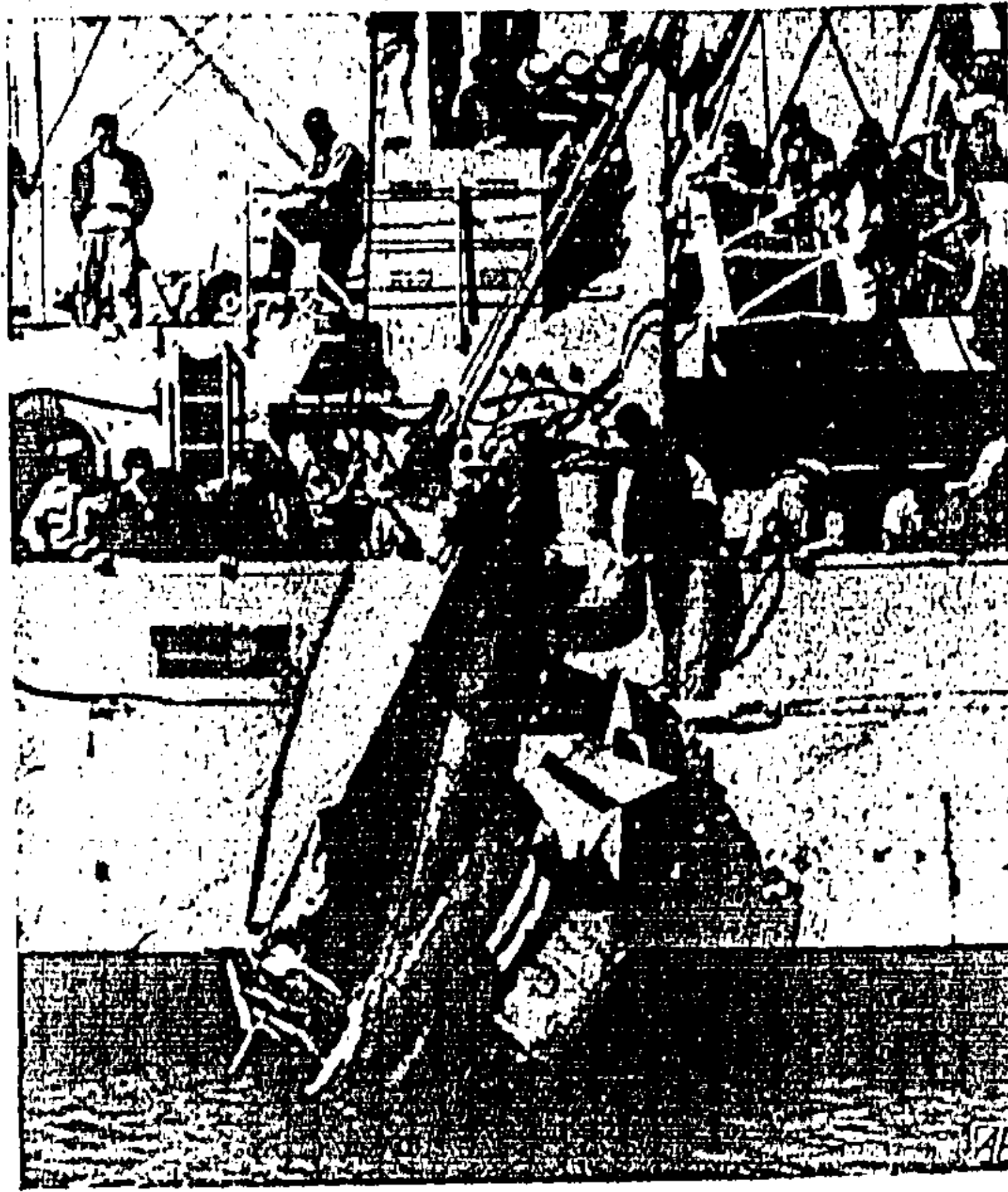
As the crowd began to disperse, a delegation representing the Jewish community in Berlin went to the West sector German police headquarters to negotiate for the release of four members who were detained. The four included Borchardt, who had pacified the demonstrators by announcing that the film had been withdrawn.

"CANNOT BE TOLERATED"
Several of the Jews who had helped to organise the demonstration told Reuter: "If they put the film on again, we shall demonstrate again. Anti-Semitic propaganda cannot be tolerated in Germany."



"Suddenly I find myself keeping secrets."

Wreckage Of Secret Bomber



A twisted section of fuselage from a secret U.S. Navy carrier bomber which plunged into the ocean off the Southern California coast is raised to the surface by the submarine rescue ship Floriken. No trace was found of the two test pilots carried to their deaths. — AP Picture.

Truman's Legislative Programme Bugged Down By Politics

Washington, Feb. 21.—The new Democratic Congress today began its eighth week with President Truman's legislative programme stuck in political bogs. Except for the reciprocal trade legislation which has passed the House, none of the major items of his programme is yet on the way to enactment.

On such major issues as the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, new taxes and higher minimum wages, President Truman apparently will have to accept compromises which he will not like. The chance that the Congress will vote the President standby power to control wages and prices is getting slimmer every day. The Administration's farm price support programme is still under study and has not been presented to Congress. Mr Truman's programme for medical insurance has been accumulating opposition as its various phases have been explained.

Powerful organisations which helped the Democrats to win their great election victory last November are beginning to complain about the calibre of the Senate leadership. President Truman himself is getting a few knocks from the Left Wing too. The magazine, New Republic, in its current issue, says that President Truman will be evading his responsibilities for moral leadership if he fails to press Congress into action toward realisation of Democratic objectives.

CIO ANGRY

The CIO claims much credit for restoring the Democrats to the control of the House and Senate last November. But the CIO is becoming angry and impatient. In a communication from the CIO headquarters last week there were these hard words: "Administration bungling of the worst order played right into the hands of Taft-Hartley Republicans. A good many Democrats in the Senate will have to be reminded vigorously and often that the party campaigned on a clear-cut pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and that the party won its victory on that basis."

The New Deal organisation called the Americans for Democratic Action is on the war path too. Its current publication assails the "defeatist attitude" of the Senate Democratic leadership on the question of pressing the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. In the same issue this New Deal group complains that hearing have not even been scheduled by any Congressional committee to consider President Truman's fair employment practices programme.

The filibuster issue is hot today only because all agree that the programme has no chance in the Senate unless rules are changed to prevent the angry Southerners from talking it to death. What happens to rules and ultimately to fair employment will greatly influence what Congress does on any other controversial subjects in this session. If the rules are changed and any substantial part of those proposals enacted, the division within the Democratic Party will be greatly increased. It is on that division between the Southern and Northern Democrats that the Republicans must depend to defeat or reshape President Truman's legislative programme. — United Press.

GAOL SENTENCES FOR RIOTERS

Durban, Feb. 21.—Two natives were given 21 months today for attacks on Indians. In sentencing one man to two months' imprisonment for stone-throwing, the magistrate remarked that the weekend disturbances were the kind that could start general riots again. The other native was given a three-month sentence. — United Press.

New Drug Has Limitations As Well As Advantages

Latest Findings On Streptomycin

Genova, Feb. 21.—Tuberculosis victims treated with streptomycin in many instances develop a resistance to the drug to a point where it is no longer effective, according to a recent study made by the World Health Organisation.

The study reports that the new drug has limitations as well as decided advantages.

"There is no doubt that streptomycin can reduce the death rate in tuberculosis meningitis by as much as 50 percent in some cases," the report notes. It adds that in some acute types of lung disease a "marked improvement" amounting in some cases to what may be termed a "cure" results.

The study goes on to say, "however, that 'perhaps the greatest disadvantage of streptomycin is that there is a very great tendency for the tubercle bacillus in the patient's body to develop resistance to the drug.' In other words, during the treatment of many cases a time comes when the drug no longer has any action on the microbes which cause the disease. In such cases all further treatment with the drug must be stopped."

SMALLER DOSES

The report says that in the early days of the use of the drug dosages were probably too large. It has now been shown that smaller doses can be given with good effect and without causing so many complications. The study says it is "good to know" that manufacturing chemists are now preparing a modified streptomycin "which may overcome some, if not all, of these awkward complications."

Among other disadvantages of streptomycin, the report lists, "many cases of giddiness and kidney disturbances following its use." In a few cases individuals handling it have developed skin rashes.

Another drawback of streptomycin—its high cost—is being overcome. The study says that two years ago it could be obtained by only a few authorities and individuals who could afford to pay as much as \$8 to \$10 daily for treatment which had to be continued for months. Today, however, the price is much lower and is fast coming under the purchasing power of large numbers of people," the report notes.

WARNING SOUNDED

A recent report to WHO by members of an international conference of streptomycin experts held last summer stresses that the drug should not be used for types of cases which are likely to respond favourably to the conventional forms of treatment.

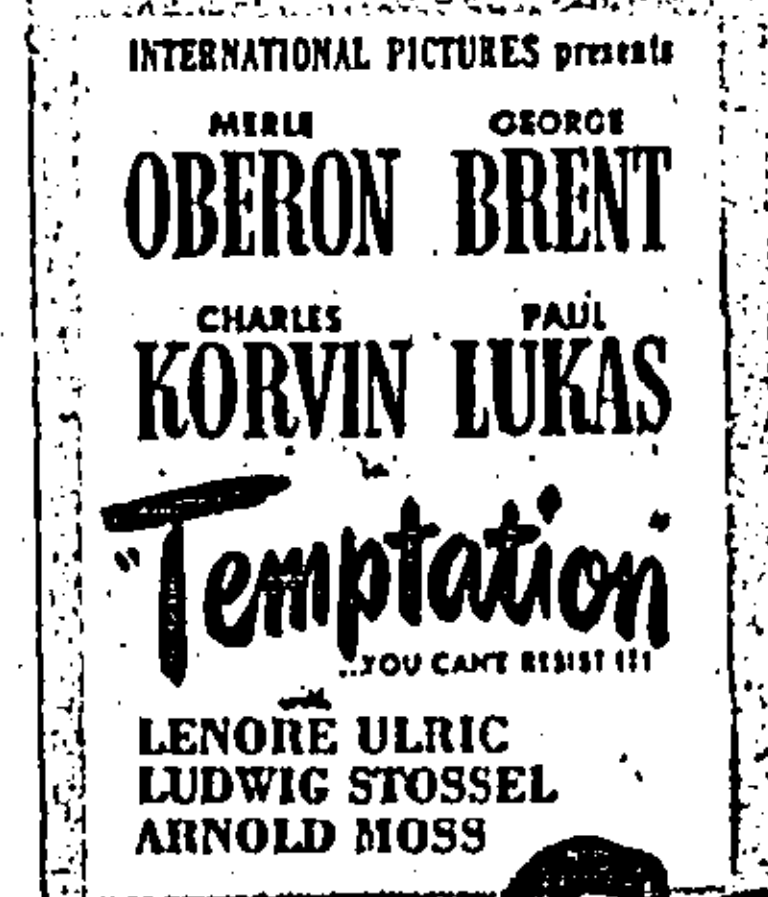
Experts from the United States, Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Greece drew up the report. According to WHO perhaps its most important conclusion "are those which sound a warning to the effect that the drug is far from being a cure for tuberculosis in all its forms." Many problems remain to be solved.

However, the report urges that research on the use of streptomycin "go forward with urgency and speed." — United Press.

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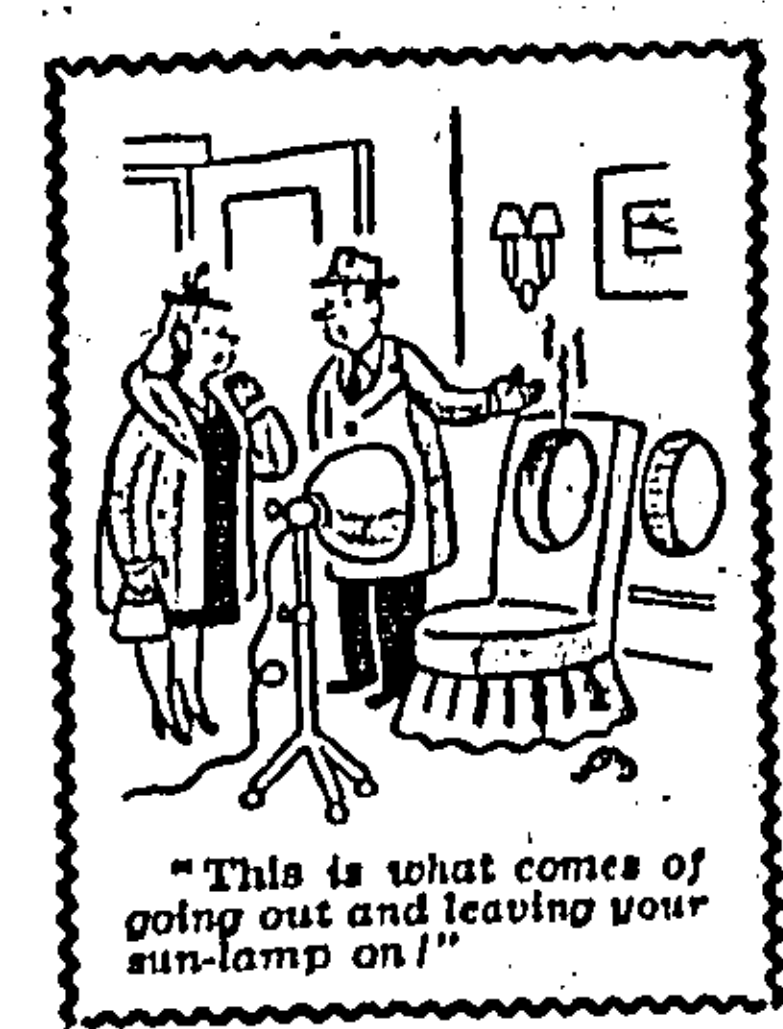
Henry Fonda

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POCKET CARTOON



DEFENCE

AGAINST AT. BOMB

U.S. Preparations

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Atomic Energy Commission told Congress today that it was preparing detailed plans for the defence of the nation against atomic bomb attack.

The Commission manager, Mr Carroll Wilson, said the Commission was preparing a detailed report on the best method of atomic defence. He said the Commission was working in close co-operation with the national military establishment.

Part of the plan is to place personnel trained in the use of Geiger counters at strategic points throughout the nation. These counters are used to detect radioactivity.

Mr Wilson said there already was a stockpile of these Geiger counters at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the site of the major atomic plant. Mr Wilson did not indicate when the report would be ready.

CONTRACT POLICIES

The Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee drew a statement from Mr Wilson, during questioning of leaders on contract policies. Senator Brian McMahon asked Mr Wilson about the criticism that the Commission was not getting out enough industrial information to American industry.

Mr Wilson replied that the Commission was considering inviting technical journals to name a committee to view classified and unclassified information in Commission files to determine what would be of value. He said the Commission would then consider whether the information could be turned over to industry without endangering national security. — United Press.

Move To Stop Riots

Capetown, Feb. 21.—Seventy-four police officers were tonight sent to Durban to prevent possible African-Indian riots. Africans burned two Indian buses in the Umlazi district of Durban and the driver of one of them died later from knife wounds. — Reuter.

NOTICE

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